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Congress Refuses To Admit Defeat

Communal Question Will Be Solved

WARDHA PLANS FOR UNITY DRIVE

Charter Of Minority Rights Under Preparation

WARDHA, Dec. 18.

The Congress Working Committee held a five hour sitting to-day. Mahatma Gandhi was present for some time. Discussions to-day were of a preliminary nature and concerned the present political situation. These will be continued to-morrow.

OUT TO SOLVE COMMUNAL ISSUE

Mahatma Gandhi, who came to the meeting at 2 and left at 5-30, discussed among other things the problems relating to Hindu-Muslim unity and Constituent Assembly when he practically expounded what he had already written in the "Harijan".

To all appearances, the Working Committee is determined to tackle the problem of communal unity in spite of the breakdown of Jinnah-Nehru talks and to prepare the whole Congress machinery with a view to the meeting of the Constituent Assembly, and some details were discussed as to the course of action that the Congress organisations all over the country should take in this behalf.

The "United Press" understands that the Bengal Election Tribunal had complained to the A.-I. C. C. regarding the action of the Bengal Provincial Congress Committee in the matter of election, and Mr. S. B. Batliwala, the auditor appointed by the A.-I. C. C. to audit B. P. C. C. accounts, submitted a report criticising certain actions of the B. P. C. C. This and certain other matters came up for discussion, and it is expected that a decision will be reached by to-morrow.

The Working Committee meets again to-morrow at 8-30 a.m.

(From A. P. and "United Press".)

NO OFFENSIVE YET

As the Congress President, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, is arriving at noon the members of the Congress Working Committee met informally this morning and discussed the general situation, besides the Bengal Congress disputes.

All members excepting Seth Jamnalal Bajaj and Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan arrived. Mr. Rajagopalachari who has been specially invited to attend the meeting has also arrived at Wardha already.

Mahatma Gandhi has been observing silence since Friday last. He is reported to be busy drafting some resolutions for the Working Committee. The "United Press" learns that there is no political significance to this four-day silence on the part of Gandhiji.

INSTRUCTIONS TO LEGISLATORS.

The Working Committee is expected to conclude its labour by December 21 and it is understood, besides reviewing the present political situation in the light of Lord Zetland's speech as also the Viceregal speech at Calcutta, the Committee will take note of the situation created by Mr. Jinnah's declaration to observe the "Day of Deliverance" and will also issue instructions to the members of the Central Legislature as to the course of action they should take.

BARDOLI WILL FORMULATE PROGRAMME.

At any rate Wardha will not start any offensive but the next meeting of the Working Committee at Bardoli may again prove to be historic inasmuch as it is ex-

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JAWAHAR-JINNAH CORRESPONDENCE

WARDHA, Dec. 18.

The "United Press" learns on good authority that there was some exchange of letters between Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and Mr. M. A. Jinnah during the former's stay at Bombay and as a result the Jinnah-Nehru talks on the Hindu-Muslim unity question has been postponed 'sine die.'—United Press.

Soviet Advance Into Finland

HEAVY FIGHTING ON NORTHERN FRONT

Norwegian General Staff Denies Violation Of Territory By 'Reds'

OSLO, Dec. 18.

Heavy fighting has been resumed on the Finnish Northern Front according to messages from Svanvik where the Finns appear retiring towards Pitakajaervi burning everything behind them.

Moscow's Claim

A Moscow 'Communique' declares that Russian troops advanced 48 miles in the region south of Petsamo In Central Finland the troops have advanced about 82 miles from the frontier and captured the village of Kursu.

In other sectors there is only scouting and artillery action.

No mention is made of fighting on the Karelian Isthmus.

ALL-NIGHT FIGHT

On the Norwegian-Finnish frontier, a fierce battle has been raging all night, south of Kuosjrvi and it is still progressing, according to a London cable.

The Soviet troops have now occupied the great Finnish territory along the Norwegian frontier, although they sustained heavy losses. These losses are unlikely to have a serious effect upon their ability to retain the new positions owing to the large forces at their disposal. They have been steadily pressing southward since Friday.

FINNISH SOLDIERS' STORY.

Fifty Finnish soldiers crossed the frontier during the week-end. They stated that Finnish detachments had taken heavy toll of the enemy. At one point, they claimed no less than 700 Russians, taken completely by surprise and wiped out with small field guns and machine guns.

SUDDEN SOVIET ATTACK

General Wallenius, the Finnish Commander on the Northern Front, informed the correspondent of the Swedish newspaper "Nyheter" that he was convinced that Russian tanks had attacked by way of Norwegian territory during the Salmijaervi operations.

He stated that Finnish machine

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A terrible onslaught of Germany on Britain is predicted for Spring. 1940.
Specialists in Berlin are already widening Herr Hitler's mouth.

ON WESTERN FRONT

On Eve Of Big German Attack

Increasing Raids And Patrol Activity: Nazi High Command's Search For Weak Spots

PARIS, Dec. 18.

The suggestion that we are again on the eve of a big German attack is made by M. Charles Morice to-day. He says that by increasing the number of raids and sending out more patrols, the German High Command is apparently seeking to find weak spots in the defence organisation. —Reuter.

GERMAN RAID DRIVEN BACK

Bitter winter weather prevails on the Western Front with low temperatures, snow and strong winds.

Military activity has been less than on the previous day except in a fairly large area between the Saar and the Vosges where numerous patrols have been constantly patrolling.

The Germans made another raid in this area, but were driven off by French fire and the raid's result was completely negative.

A 'communique' states a quite night with some artillery fire.—
—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

AERIAL BATTLE ON GERMAN COAST

LONDON, Dec. 18.

An Air Ministry 'communique' issued at 20-50 (G.M.T.) states:—A bomber formation of the Air Force reconnoitred over Heligoland-Bight area with the object of attacking any enemy warships found at sea. No warships were encountered at sea, but the bombers met strong fighter forces. Fierce fighting ensued and twelve Messerschmidts were shot down while seven of our bombers are at present unaccounted for.

SHARP ENGAGEMENT

PARIS.—A 'communique' states towards midday a sharp engagement occurred in Vosges between one of our reconnoitring parties and German units. We made some prisoners, including Officers.—Reuter.

"GRAF SPEE" CREW INTERNED

BUENOS AIRES.—The Commander of the "Graf Spee" and the whole of the crew except those wounded in the battle arrived abroad trawlers. The crew will be interned.—Reuter.

NAZI RAIDERS OVER N. SEA

LONDON, Dec. 18.

The Admiralty and the Air Ministry at 17|23 hours announced that a number of attacks were made by enemy air craft on British and Neutral merchant and fishing vessels in the North Sea yesterday.

During the morning, bombing attacks were made on the small motor vessel "Serenity" and fishing trawlers "New Choice," "Ben Clair" and "Craigie Lea." The "Serenity" and "The New Choice" were sunk.

The enemy also attacked "Craigie Lea" with machinegun fire, two of the crew being wounded.

On the approach of British aircraft, the enemy made off before contact could be established.

A boat containing ten men belonging to the "New Choice" was later sighted by the Aircraft Coastal Command which directed the drifter to a spot and the crews of both ships were rescued.

RENEWED ATTACKK

Further attacks were made during the afternoon on the Motor vessel "Tuscan Star" and Trawlers "Dervish," "Sheldon," "Arnold Bennett" and "Dromio" and the Italian vessel "Valentino Coa." Bombs were dropped and the second wireless operator of "Tuscan Star" was killed by bomb fragments. The enemy also attacked this ship with machineguns without causing any casualties.

R.A.F. aircraft engaged the enemy in failing light, firing a number of rounds at them before they disappeared in the clouds and inflicted damage.—Reuter.

MORE BR. TRAWLERS SUNK

LONDON, Dec. 18.

The Admiralty announcement of 17-23 reveals that German airmen have launched a new campaign against defenceless British and neutral shipping. Bombing attacks were made on Sunday on ten merchant and fishing vessels in the North Sea and in some cases, ten men on the decks were machinegunned by driving aircraft.

The Admiralty also announced at 20-35 that His Majesty's trawlers "Evelina" and "Sedgefly" were overdue and must be presumed to have been sunk. "Evelina" carried a crew of nine and "Sedgefly" sixteen. Three other trawlers were similarly attacked, making the total attacks thirteen.—Reuter.

Pan American Plan To Deal With Belligerent Warships

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.

Mr. Cordell Hull told a Press Conference that common action among American Republics, as a result of the "Graf Spee" battle, would take place this week.

Mr. Hull did not disclose the nature of the action, but he said that the present discussions included an effort to reach a common method among the American Republics for dealing with belligerent warships seeking refuge in American ports.—Reuter.

German Cruiser Sunk

Another Steamer Scuttles In North Atlantic: Naval Balance-Sheet

LONDON, Dec. 18.

The Admiralty announced at 10-00 this morning that the British submarine "Ursula" reports that she sank a cruiser of the "Koeln Class" at the mouth of the Elbe on Thursday. The cruiser was screened by six destroyers.

The cruiser "Koeln" which has a displacement of 6,000 tons, has a complement of 571. She has two sister ships "Koenigsberg" and "Karlsruhe". Presumably this is the class to which the Admiralty 'communique' refers.

Vessels of this class mount nine 5.9 guns, six 3.5 guns and twelve torbedo tubes and carry two aircraft. They have a speed of 32 knots and a radius of 5,000 miles.

"Reuter" learns on good authority that this action has no connection with the reported attack on a German cruiser by the submarine which had sighted the "Bremen."

JUBILATION IN BRITAIN

The sinking of the German cruiser by the submarine "Ursula" is regarded in London as a great feat, as the mouth of the Elbe is exceptionally powerfully defended and the submarine would have had to pass through minefields. No further details of the action are expected until the "Ursula" returns to port.

News of "Ursula's" feat, coming within a few hours of the scuttling of the "Graf Spee", has caused jubilation in Britain. The "Evening News" describes the raid as "an epic of skill and audacity."

Germany Denies British Claim

BERLIN, Dec. 18.

The official German news agency has issued a denial of the statement by the British submarine "Ursula" that she sank a German cruiser of the Koeln class contained in the Admiralty communique.

The German version says: "It is possible that an underwater explosion occurring in the light cruiser on December 14 was caused by a torpedo fired by the British submarine. The underwater explosion caused only slight damage, however, as already stated in the communique of December 14."

It is pointed out in London that the British Admiralty statements have referred to two torpedoings, not one only, one cruiser torpedoed by the submarine, which refrained from sinking the "Bremen"; secondly, the sinking of the cruiser of the Koeln class by the submarine "Ursula" announced to-day.—Reuter.

STEAMER SCUTTLES

The German steamer "Antiochia" (3,000 tons) was scuttled by

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"X-MAS FUND" TO BUILD ANOTHER "GRAF SPEE"

Sharp Berlin Note To Uruguay: "Tacoma" Interned

BERLIN, DEC. 18.

AN OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION THAT THE "GRAF SPEE" WAS SUNK ON THE ORDERS OF HERR HITLER HIMSELF IS CONTAINED IN A HIGH COMMAND COMMUNIQUE.

GERMAN PROTEST NOTE

THE GERMAN WIRELESS ANNOUNCES THAT THE REICH HANDED IN A SHARP NOTE OF PROTEST TO URUGUAY IN THE COURSE OF WHICH IT ALLEGES A "FLAGRANT BREACH OF INTERNATIONAL LAW IN FAILING TO ALLOW THE "GRAF SPEE" ADEQUATE TIME FOR EFFECTING REPAIRS."

"TACOMA" INTERNED

THE "NEW YORK TIMES" SAYS THAT THE CAPTAIN OF THE "TACOMA" HAS BEEN ARRESTED FOR TAKING OUT HIS SHIP WITHOUT PERMISSION WITH THE "GRAF SPEE" MEN ABOARD. THE "TACOMA" HAS BEEN INTERNED.

FIGHTING POWER NOT DIMINISHED

"Graf Spee" Captain's Complaint

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 18.

In a letter to the German Minister before leaving, Captain Langsdorf stated that the fighting power of the "Graf Spee" was in no way diminished.

He complained that the Uruguayans had refused to extend the time-limit long enough to make the necessary repairs to the warship, especially to the kitchens and bakeries.

An Admission

The Captain and Officers of the "Graf Spee" who are on their way to Buenos Aires in two tugs, it is reported, expect that Argentina would treat them as survivors of a sunken vessel, whereas Uruguay would intern them.

The Captain is stated to have admitted in his Note of protest to Uruguay that he fired at one of the British cruisers within the three mile limit, says a New York cable.

MODEL FOR GERMAN SEA WARFARE

Commenting on the "Graf Spee," the German wireless this morning says: "The 'Graf Spee' has fulfilled her task excellently She went to fight very courageously against a superior enemy and damaged him badly. The battleship gave a performance which will be set up as a model for German sea warfare."

The German wireless alleged that the British Admiralty had to weaken its home fleet to search for the "Graf Spee" which, it claimed, had done "terrible damage to British trade in the South Atlantic."

"X-MAS FUND" FOR NEW "GRAF SPEE"

Herr Hitler gave the order to sink the "Graf Spee" only after

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Bengal Cabinet Crisis

CALCUTTA, Dec. 18.

ENQUIRIES IN INFORMED CIRCLES REVEAL THAT THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY OF A "RAPPROCHEMENT" BETWEEN THE HON. M. NAILINI RANJAN SARKAR, FINANCE MINISTER, AND THE BENGAL CABINET.

It is understood that Mr. Sarkar is going to resign from the Cabinet in a day or two.—United Press.

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Why Germany Sank "Graf Spee"

PARIS, Dec. 18.

"Germany knows she is going to lose the war and that is why she scuttled the "Graf Spee". If Germany thought that she had the slightest chance of winning, she would have allowed the warship to be interned in order to claim it after the war". This comment was made by a high French authority, who is stated to represent official feeling.

Naval circles feel that the "Graf Spee" episode has justified the technical advisers of British and French Admiralties, who have always opposed the building of vessels of this type.—Reuter.

"Tacoma" To Be Interned By Argentine

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.

Radio reports from Buenos Aires state that "Tacoma" will be interned by the Argentine authorities.

According to New York Radio, more explosions are stated to be occurring in the sunken hull of the "Graf Spee," which is still burning.—Reuter.

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Dated this 8th day of December, 1939.

B. K. DESAI,
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Dated this 16th day of December, 1939.

KAMDAR & CO.,
Attorneys for Mr. R. B. Dave.

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HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY.

INSOLVENCY No. 578 of 1937.

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S. J. RAHIMTOOLA,
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RURAL FINANCE AND MARKETING

Committee Accepts Dr. Sen's Report

BOMBAY, Dec. 18.

The Sub-Committee on Rural Marketing and Finance met to-day at office of the National Planning Committee.

The main item of the agenda, the "United Press" understands, was the discussion of the preliminary report prepared by Dr. Sudhir Sen of Sriniketan, Viswabharati, who is acting as the Secretary of the Sub-Committee. The report was accepted at the meeting.

The objective aimed at by the National Planning Committee, according to the report, is to ensure an adequate standard of living for the masses. The task of the Sub-Committee is to find out how given a particular volume of production in the villages, the goods can be so marketed as to secure for the preliminary producer and the village artisan what may be regarded as a "fair price."

The United Press further learns that the Sub-Committee decided that all members should send in their memoranda to the Secretary by the middle of January next on the basis of which the Secretary will draft the final report. It was further decided that this draft report should be circulated by the middle of February at the latest, so that the members could meet again at the end of February and discuss the final report. —United Press.

FRESH TODDY FOR CITY CONSUMERS

Government Prepared To Consider Fool-Proof Scheme

The Government of Bombay, it is reliably understood, have intimated to the unemployed toddy tappers in the city that they are prepared to consider any scheme suggested by tappers for the sale of fresh toddy in the city provided two conditions are fulfilled.

The first of these conditions is that the tappers must device a fool-proof scheme by which the fresh toddy which is on its way from the tappers to the various distributing centres will not fall into the hands of any unauthorised person. In other words, that there should be no leakage of fresh toddy in the intervening stages of tapping and distribution. The Government authorities rightly apprehend that if a fool-proof system is not devised, there is every likelihood of the fresh toddy falling into the hands of boot-leggers who might ferment it and conduct a clandestine sale.

The second condition set forth by Government is that steps must be taken to ensure the sale and consumption of fresh toddy before it ferments to the extent of containing more than 2 per cent alcohol. If a process is devised by which toddy is preserved in an unfermented state for a considerable time and without affecting its palatability, the tappers will be able to fulfil the second condition stipulated by Government.

The general impression which is shared by toddy tappers and those addicted to drinking seems to be that the process so far evolved for the preservation of fresh toddy is not quite satisfactory because it affects the taste of fresh toddy considerably. It is therefore felt that there is need for evolving a better system of preservation.

The Toddy Tappers' Union of Bombay under the guidance of Rao Bahadur S. K. Bole has agreed to consider the offer of Government. The Union will draft some suitable schemes for the sale of fresh toddy fulfilling both the conditions of Government and place the same before Mr. H. F. Knight, Adviser in charge of Excise.

A representation that the sale of fresh toddy must be allowed in the city and suburbs was made by a deputation of toddy tappers which had waited on Government recently. The deputationists pointed out that fresh toddy was a healthful beverage recommended by Mahatma Gandhi. The deputationists also emphasised that the authorisation of the sale of fresh toddy would be one of the methods of relieving unemployment among toddy tappers.

In reply to this suggestion, the Government has agreed to consider any scheme for the sale of fresh toddy provided it fulfills the two important conditions.

PRICE CONTROL COMMITTEE BEGINS WORKS

BOMBAY, Monday.

The Consultative Committee for Price Control will commence its work from to-day. The fluctuation in the prices of various commodities will be minutely observed and the views expressed by various Merchants' Associations on the question of control will be considered in detail.

It is hoped the Price Control Officer, Mr. Karaka, will be in a position shortly to fix the maximum prices of all important commodities. The scheme for opening cheap grain shops in all the Municipal wards also be considered in detail by the Consultative Committee.

R. P. Masani On Price Control Committee

Mr. R. P. Masani, has been appointed a member of the Consultative Committee for Price Control in Bombay.

EDUCATION MUST TRAIN BODY AND MIND

Kher Expounds Educational Ideals

The necessity of inculcating new ideals of education to suit the changing needs of the times was stressed by M.. B. G. Kher, while inaugurating the Silver Jubilee celebration of the General Education Institute's Chabildas Lallubhai Boys' High School at 'Akshikar' Street, Dadar on Sunday evening.

He unveiled on the occasion the portraits of the late Mr. Gopal Narayan Akshikar and late Mr. Keshav Bhagwant Tamhane founders of the Institute.

Mr. Mansen Karsondas, Chairman of the 'Advisory Board' of the Institute, presided.

Messages were received on the occasion among others from the Raja of Aundh, His Highness the Maharajah of Devas Junior, His Excellency the Governor of Bombay, the Director of Public Instruction, Sir Byramji Jeejeebhoy and Mr. G. V. Mavlankar wishing the Institute progress and expressing inability to attend the function.

A number of educationists and others from Bombay, Poona and elsewhere in the Presidency also sent suitable messages. Mr. Mansen said it was a happy augury for the future of the School to have amidst them on that unique occasion Mr. B. G. Kher to inaugurate the proceedings.

The Institute was a pioneer in education in the Northern part of the city and the citizens of Dadar were justly proud of it. It had 13 schools under its management in Bombay, Thana and Kolaba.

The pioneer efforts of Messrs. Akshikar and Tamhane whose portraits were about to be unveiled had proved worthy of pupils of Tilak and Chiplunkar in carrying the torch of education forward. Inviting Mr. Kher to inaugurate and unveil, Mr. Karsondas appealed to the citizens to continue their support in the ever bountiful spirit to the Institute.

Mr. Kher expressed pleasure in taking part in the proceedings.

Mr. Kher said that the present education produced only 'clerks' and 'natives' who filled high posts and aped westerners. Whereas education worth the name should not only provide a sound body but also a sound mind. The pity was that present education killed all ideals of sacrifice and service among its votaries. There was a cry that higher education should be scrapped in view of the ever-growing lists of the unemployed but he would point out that there were other fields of work in the service of the masses.

In consonance with the changing times, the Government of the country was also thinking of effecting some changes in the educational sphere.

Concluding Mr Kher said that they should effect changes in the system of education, so that they might become an united and organised society. They could not afford to neglect the untouchables.

Finally appealing to the teachers of the school, he said they had on their hands 5,000 pupils, to bring into proper shape and he hoped they would acquit themselves well in their onerous responsibility. Mr. Haribhau Kolhatkar a leading lawyer of Jalgaon and an ex-student of the school thanked Mr. Kher and hoped the school would for ever continue youthful in spirit.

Mr. Joshi, Principal of the school associated himself with the sentiments expressed by the previous speaker and assured Mr. Kher, that his advice would be followed to their best abilities.

3 ARTS' EXCURSION

3 Arts Excursion to picturesque Manori Island on Sunday was one of memorable success.

The Palm grove and Sea Beach commands a view of great beauty There was a large number of Joy seekers and a most enjoyable programme of entertainment of guitar trumpet, tubla, songs and mimicry and the folk dances of the local Koli women.

Atya Begum thanked Father Athaide Messrs. Fazulbhai and Fernandes the hosts and Makani the performers, the host responded. Several new activities were announced.

N.-W. F. Ban On Export On Wheat

PESHAWAR, Dec. 17.

"As a further step to control prices the Provincial Government" states a Press Communique, "has imposed embargo on the export of wheat to all places outside the Province. The ban was first imposed on the export of wheat to the Punjab from the three districts of Peshawar, Mardan and Dera Ismail Khan. It has been extended to the remaining three districts as well and export to all places outside the Province has been banned."—A. P.

Grievances Of Mahars

Dr. Ambedkar Suggests Deputation To Governor

The prospect of a satyagraha movement and general strike throughout the province of Bombay for redressal of the numerous grievances of the Mahar and Mang Watandars was held out by Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, Leader of the Independent Labour Party in his presidential address at the Watandars' Conference held at Ahmednagar during the week-end.

Almost all the I. L. P. members of the Legislative Assembly were present.

Tracing the origin of the institution of village officers Dr. Ambedkar said that during the Maratha regime there used to be 12 different officers like Patel, Kulkarni, Desai Nhavi (barbar) Sutar, (carpenter) Mussalman, etc. to whom were assigned specific duties for the performance of which they were given lands free of revenue.

With the advent of the British the system of payment through watan lands was abolished in all cases except that of the Mahars. People with regular salaries were appointed in their places.

"What is interesting about this process of abolition of the old system," said Dr. Ambedkar, "is that in hundreds of cases the ex-Patels, Kulkarnis, Talatis, etc., while relieved of their official duties were allowed to retain their lands and the increase in land revenue that was made in their watan lands was only nominal. Thus the Government to-day are virtually paying lakhs of rupees to the decendents of these village officers though they have no village duties to discharge."

As against this was the fate of the Mahar watandars, and almost every Mahar is a watandar. The British did not abolish this hereditory office. The Mahars continued to discharge their duties as before but the concessional land revenue or "Judi" as it is called was increased.

UNJUST IMPOST

The matter was investigated by Government and by an act passed in 1874 it was laid down that watan lands could not be alienated nor burden on them increased unless it was in the interest of the Mahar watandars themselves. In spite of this the Congress Government, which claimed to serve the interest of the Depressed Classes and which had scores of other sources to increase their revenues, hit upon this the most poverty-stricken classes to get additional revenues.

"This is not only unjust and inequitable," said the President, "but because it violates the existing law which still remains on the statue book, it is illegal and unconstitutional. And unless the Government realise their folly and cancel the order the Mahar Watandars will be compelled to declare a revolt against the authorities and refuse to carry out their village duties.

The president did not want any precipitate action. He wanted to give time to the authorities to rectify the matter and proposed that a six months' notice should be given before direct action was resorted to

"Why are we so serious about it? It is because even without the additional burden put by the Congress Government the Mahar Watan system is a system of heartless exploitation."

There was another big hardship from which thousands of Mahars suffered. There were innumerable villages in the province where the Mahars had to do all the jobs assigned to them without even the Watan land or any other sort of payment. In fact it was nothing short of forced and free labour. That had got to be put to an end.

In connection with these and other grievances he proposed that a deputation should be sent to the Governor to present all the facts to him and to secure redressal.

Turning next to the Congress Dr. Ambedkar said.

"It is a good thing that the Congress has revealed itself so soon and that it did not wait till it had secured full swaraj when it would have been so terribly difficult to remedy matters.

"We are not going to forget that lesson now. We may not be as strong as the Congress We may not be as numerical But we believe in the principle of social life that if we get nothing more than a dry bread to eat that we should share it with our companions. The Congress is not out for a dry bread. It is out for a full feast and wants to enjoy it all for itself. It wants to keep others starving."

"Well, we may not be able to snatch the dishes out of their hands But there is one thing we can do. We can pick up a handful of dust and fling it in while they are at feast.

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On The Air

TUESDAY, DEC. 19.

Delhi I—Programme

338.6 metres (886 kc/s)

6 p.m. Delhi Radio Orchestra. 5-5 G. S. Morghode. 5-20 Delhi Radio Orchestra. 5-25 G. S. Morghode. 5-40 A variety programme. 6-15 Rani Devi and party. 6-30 For villagers only. 7-15 Jail Ki Dilchaspian. 7. 7-30 Mushtaribai. 7-45 B. S. Rawat. 8 Episodes from the epics. 8-15 A sitar recital. 8-25 Munnibai. 8-40 G. A. Khan Gwaliari and Munnibai. 8-50 Current events. 10 Teen Tohfe.

Delhi II—Programme

60.48 metres (4,960 kc/s)

5 to 6-30 p.m. As in Delhi 1. 6-30 Mushtaribai. 6-45 G. A. Khan Gwaliari. 6-55 Munnibai. 7-5 Rani Devi and party. 7-15 to 7-30 As in Delhi 1, 7-30 G. S. Morghode. 7-50 Sheila Bharat Ram. 8 to 10-30 As in Delhi 1.

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Lahore Programme

276 metres (1,086 kc/s)

6-10 p.m. For the countryside. 7 Pandit Brij Bhushan Joshi. 7-20 Ali Bakhsh. 7-30 The drive against illiteracy. 4. 7-45 Bai Saraswatibai. 8-5 Jagdish Narain Bhatnagar. 8-15 The literacy campaign. 5. 8-30 Women's programmes. 9-50 Do Kanhre. 10-10 Ali Bakhsh.

Bombay I—Programme

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)

8 a.m. Keep fit! 8-10 The Tarangs. 8-15 News in Marathi. 8-20 News in Gujarati. 8-25 Vithalrao Gurav. 8-40 News in Hindustani. 8-50 News in English. 9 Hamid Husain. 9-10 S. G. Ranade 9-25 Prem Adib. 9-35 The Air Trio. 9-45 Iqbal Bibi. 10 Close down.

12-30 p.m. With one voice. 12-45 Songs from Sindh. 12-57 News in Hindustani. 1 Gujarati garbas. 1-10 Mutual understanding. 1-25 Bal Gandharv. 1-30 News in English. 1-35 Lunch hour music. 2-30 Musical prelude. 2-35 World history. 2-50 Ras and garba. 3 Games and sports in schools. 3-15 Close down.

5 A melodious mixture. 5-25 News in Marathi. 5-30 News in Gujarati. 5-35 Garbas. 5-50 Bhajans. 6 News in English. 6-5 News in Hindustani. 6-10 Shaktibai Kuvarji and party. 6-25 Vithalrao Gurav. 6-40 Duets from the movies. 6-50 Triveni on the sarod. 7 S. G. Ranade. 7-15 Jalatarang and sitar. 7-25 Vithalrao Gurav. 7-35 Iqbal Bibi. 7-55 News in Marathi. 8-10 News in Gujarati. 8-25 To-morrow. 8-30 Durdaivi Rangoo. 4. 8-45 The Bombay Radio Orchestra. 8-55 Guess it. 9 News in Hindustani. 9-20 News in English. 9-45 Sapellnikoff. 9-50 Chamber music. 10-30 Late news. Close down.

Bombay II—Programme

31.4 metres (9,550 kc/s)

8 to 8-15 a.m. As in Bombay 1. 8-15 D. R. Nimbargi. 8-35 Sitar Solo. 8-45 Iqbal Bibi. 9-5 Ramkrishnabuwa Vaze. 9-15 Gat Tora on the Tabla. 9-25 Sawai Gandharv. 10 Close down.

12-30 to 12 57 p.m. As in Bombay 1. 12-57 Dadra. 1 to 1-30 As in Bombay 1. 1-30 Musical interlude. 1-35 to 3-15 As in Bombay 1. 3-15 Close down.

61.48 metres (4,880 kc/s)

5 to 5-25 As in Bombay 1. 5-25 Qawwalis. 5-35 to 6 As in Bombay 1. 6 S. G. Ranade. 6-15 Shankerrao. 6-25 Sawai Gandharv. 7 Hungry mouths. 7-15 Jaijaiwanti and Patdeep. 7-30 Commercial news. 7-45 D. Amel. 7-55 D. R. Nimbargi. 8-15 Recitations from Ghalib. 8-25 to 8-30 As in Bombay 1. 8-30 As the lights went out. 8-45 to 8-55 As in Bombay 1. 8-55 Talk of the town. 9 D. R. Nimbargi. 9-20 Birth control. 9-35 Sawai Gandharv. 10-15 Sajan-Ki-Yad.

Lucknow Programme

293.5 metres (1,022 kc/s)

6-10 Munirbai. 6-17 Kumari Malti Sane. 6-25 Soofi Nannhey Qawwal. 6-30 Hamara Panchayetghar. 7 Munirbai. 7-15 Ek tha raja. 8 How it happens. 8-15 Soofi Nannhey Qawwal. 8-20 Lalla Rukh. 1. 8-50 Kumari Malti Sane. 9-45 Recorded music. 9-50 Behind the bars. 6. 10-5 Kumari Malti Sane. 10-16 Soofi Nannhey Qawwal. 10-23 Munirbai.

Calcutta I—Programme

370.4 metres (810 kc/s)

(Add 24 minutes to all timings)

5 p.m. For the children. 5-50 For the children. 6-10 Bobby Daniels. 6-30 Radharani. 6-50 Parajoy. 7-50 Sing, learn and sing again. 8-20 Radharani. 9 So this is Calcutta. 6. 9-45 Nitai Ghatak. 10 Tej Rajendra Singh.

Calcutta II—Programme

61.98 metres (4,840 kc/s)

5 to 9-30 p.m. As in Calcutta 1. 9-30 Frank Wheatley. 9-45 Excerpts from musical comedy.

Dacca Programme

257 metres (1,167 kc/s)

5 p.m. Local musicians on Discs. 5-30 Mrs. Anjali Mitter 5-45 News in Bengali. 5-50 Gouri Sen-Gupta. 6-5 Grayer Katha. 7 Keti Saptaha. 8 Gour Das. 8-20 Kumar Sachin Dev Burman. 9-5 Jogesh Chakravarti. 9-45 Gour Das. 10-10 Jogesh Chakravarti.

Madras—I Programme

211 metres (1,420 kc/s)

4 p.m. Shantivardhana. 4-30 European programme. 5 Carnatic Orchestra. 5-20 Shrimati Vijayalakshmi Natarajan. 6-5 A. Ramamurthy Iyer. 7 Order, Order. 7-50 Bhakta Cheta. 9 Service.

Madras II—Programme

60.98 metres (4,920 kc/s)

4 to 6-5 p.m. As in Madras 1. 6-5 For rural areas. 6-45 to 9-30 As in Madras 1. 9-30 T. Gururajappa.

Trichy Programme

396 metres (758 kc/s)

5 p.m. Instrumental overture. 5-20 Shrimati P. C. Ponnamma. 6-5 For the villages. 6-30 S. Naganatha Iyer. 7 Learn to sing. 7-15 Children of the earth. 7-50 Shrimati P. C. Ponnamma. 8-30 The worm. 8-45 S. Naganatha Iyer. 9-45 K. C. Tyagarajan

Java Programme

(17, 19 and 21 metres)

15-03 Concert. 16-30 Hawaiian Big Boys. 17-25 New Mayfair Accordeon Band. 19-40 Andrew's Sisters. 20-30 Maurice Winnick's orchestra.

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Madras Mail	6-00	22-00
Peshawar-Lucknow (Express)	6-15	22-30
Calcutta Mail (Nagpur)	9-10	17-40
Madras Express	10-15	14-25
Poona Mail	10-30	17 30
Punjab Mail	12-35	17-20
Nagpur Express	15-00	20-55
Poona Fast Pass.	16-50	11-50
Poona Express	19-32	8-05
Allahabad Express	21-00	6-15

B. B. and C. I. Railway

	Arr.	Dep.
Ahmedabad Passenger	5 35	13-50
Delhi Express	6-00	22-15
Kathiawar Mail	6-45	21-30
Gujarat Mail	7-25	22-00
Frontier Mail	8-15 (Mon.)	21-15 (Sat.)
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Ahmedabad Passenger	14-15	22-30
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Bombay Buying Distant Months In N. Y. Cotton

U. S. A. WEEKLY TEXTILE SALES AT 200 PER CENT. OF PRODUCTION

Increased Spot House Selling

Bombay, Dec 18

The New York cotton market was moderately active on Saturday with foreign and Bombay buying of distants stimulated partly by the widest premium over New York thus far, with offerings limited to hedging and profit-taking. The week's textile sales were estimated at 200 per cent of production.

Exports thus stand at 27,95,000 bales against 18,46,000 bales last year same period. Total bales forwarded to American Mills amount to 4,115,000 bales against 3,254,000 bales last year.

WEEKLY REVIEW

"With domestic consumption for the season estimated at 8,000,000, Exports at 6,500,000 and this year's crop at 11,792,000 bales, it seems that almost 3,000000 bales must be supplied from loan cotton of which it is believed that several hundred thousand have already been repossessed and sold. In the latter part of the week prices broke very sharply on heavy foreign liquidation, hedging, profit-taking and the uncovering of stoploss orders.

Cotton goods were quieter after being active. In the meanwhile, the major trend is believed to be still upward, although with talk of technical structure impaired, traders are disposed to await a period of consolidation."

NEW YORK MARKET

The New York cotton market opened steady. Trade buying nears absorbed moderate hedging and liquidation. Prices advanced further on continued trade, foreign and commission house buying. Finally increased Spot house selling appeared with the session closing steady.

At the opening March was quoted 3 points higher at 10.92 and with improved buying prices advanced to 11.01 which was the highest level. There appeared some selling and March declined 11 points from the highest level and was quoted 10.90 which was the lowest level. There was fairly active Bombay buying in distant months and the market closed at a rise of 6 to 12 points. Spot cotton prices advanced 7 points at 11.40c. per lb.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

The New Orleans cotton futures market was fairly steady and closed at a rise of 4 to 14 points. Spot cotton prices advanced 11 points at 11.10c. per lb.

Liverpool and Alexandria cotton markets were entirely closed on Saturday. The Liverpool market is expected to open 11 points up to-day.

PRIVATE CABLES—

New York March highest (11-21 a.m.)	11.01+
New York March lowest (11-53 a.m.)	10.40+01

Messrs. Chunilal Mehta and Co Ltd have received to-day the following cable information from their foreign friends :—

New York: Expect 15,00,000 to two million needed from loan of which estimate 750 thousand withdrawn on recent advance. Feel short position major commodities inadvisable under war conditions. But think it conservative to take profits on speculative longs at further advance.

NEW YORK COTTON

New Contracts

New York, Dec 16

January	11.32+08
March	11.13+09
May	10.79+09
July	10.43+15
October	9.78+12
December	9.65

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

New York, Dec. 16.

January	11.22
March	11.10
May	10.75
Middling Spot	11.10 Nominal

NEW YORK COTTON DAILY STATISTICS.

New York, Dec. 16.

	Bales.
Day's receipts at all U.S. Ports	37,000
Day's exports to Great Britain	8,000
Day's exports to The Continent	3,000
Day's exports to China and Japan	12,000

INDO-AFGHAN TRADE

Monopolies Abolished

The aggregate value of the trade between India and Afghanistan, including transit trade, amounted to Rs. 4,64,00,000 in 1938-39 as compared with Rs. 5,87,00,000 in 1937-38.

The principal items of imports into India from Afghanistan consist of skins and furs and fruits, nuts and vegetables. These together accounted for 87 per cent of the imports into India. Almost the entire quantity of skins and furs is intended for export to foreign countries. Similarly, a large portion of the quantity of fruits and nuts imported ultimately finds its way abroad.

Foreign goods in direct transit accounted for 73.5 per cent of the total exports to Afghanistan, the value of such trade being Rs. 1,58,00,000 as against Rs. 57,00,000, representing the value of goods not in transit. Among the principal items of exports, India held the Afghan market in living animals, boots and shoes, leather and cement; while there was keen foreign competition in iron and steel, cotton manufactures, tea and sugar.

India had only a small share in the exports of instruments and apparatus, appliances and parts thereof, and machinery and millwork, Germany being the principal supplier.

Consequent on the growing tendency towards economic self-sufficiency in Afghanistan, the Afghan Government promulgated certain trade laws early in 1938. Towards the end of June, it was, however, announced that all monopolies save in the exports of Persian lamb skins and casings and in the imports of sugar, petrol, motor vehicles and spares, had been abolished.

SUGAR MARKET

Bombay, Dec 18

Fine White Java sugar per cwt :—

Ready (small grain)	Rs.	19	7 0
Ready (large grain)		19	9 0
Shipment November F B H		10	13 0
Shipment December F B H		10	13 0
Shipment Jan-Feb-March F B H		11	3 0
Indian sugars ready		18	12 0
	to	19	7 0

Tone :—Quiet

Indore Premier's Exhortation To Villagers

(From Our Correspondent.)

Inspite of the raging epidemic of small-pox at Rampura Rai Bahadur Col. Dinanath, the Prime Minister of Indore visited the place where a civic reception was accorded to him. Addresses were presented by the Municipality, Patel, cultivators and the Muslims of Rampura.

Replying to a address presented by the Jagirdars, the Prime Minister exhorted them to move with the times and to do away with the time-honoured customs of wasteful expenditure. "We are meeting at a critical juncture and I am sure you all realise that India's safety and prosperity depend entirely on the safety and strength of British Empire. Time for dispatching the manpower has not yet come, and I feel more than confident that when it comes, you will be prepared to sacrifice all that you can, in support of the cause for which Britain is fighting", declared the Indore Premier. The Jagirdars, in their reply, referred to their proud martial traditions and assured that they will cheerfully and unreservedly respond to any call from His Highness at the cost of sacrificing their lives and their material resources.

AT MANASA.

The Municipality, cultivators and the people of Manasa taking the advantage of the visit of the Prime Minister, presented him four welcome addresses, during the course of which they gave expression to their sense of loyalty to His Highness the Maharaja and ventilated some of their local grievances. During the course of his reply, Rai Bahadur Col. Dinanath referred to the report of the Constitution Committee which was awaiting the orders of His Highness's Government and declared that it was the ardent desire of the Government to widen the powers of the District Municipalities. Making an impassioned plea for communal amity, the Prime Minister paid tribute to the Muslims for their loyalty.

Replying to the address of the cultivators, Col. Dinanath referred to the Government scheme calculated to give full benefit to cultivators of the rise in prices and appealed to the Sahukars to give sympathetic treatment to the cultivators on whom depended the well-being of the whole State.

GOLD AND SILVER

Bombay, Dec 18

On Saturday all foreign markets remained entirely closed and Dollar Sterling cross rate was 3.93 7/8 at New York. The local market which was fairly firm on Saturday but to-day there was increased selling in silver and prices after opening at Rs. 62-12 declined to Rs. 62-4 and later rallied to Rs. 62-12 It appears that the Reserve Bank will sell to-day silver and will satisfy the demand. Local stocks are 40.000 bars. Gold was quietly steady with a moderate turnover.

Quotations were as under :—

	GOLD	SILVER
Ready	Rs. 41 15 0	62 8 0
Magsar	42 0 6	62 12 0
Posh	42 3 6	63 4 0

HIGH AND LOW COTTON PRICES

Bombay, Dec 16

Broach A/M highest 337 1/2 lowest 331 closing at 4-30 p.m. 332 1/2

Oomra D/J highest 294 lowest 291 closing at 4-30 p.m 291 1/2

Oomra March highest 298 lowest 296 closing at 4-30 p.m. 296 1/2

Bengal D/J highest 240 lowest 236 1/2 closing at 4-30 p.m. 236 1/2

Bengal March highest 241 lowest 237 1/2 closing at 4-30 p.m. 237 1/2

Night session Broach A/M closed Rs. 331 1/2, highest Rs. 335 1/2, lowest Rs. 329 1/2, closed Rs. 331.

Ready Cotton Quotations

Bombay, Dec 18

Bengal Fine 332-33 December +3 1/2 January +3

Punjab Fine 234-35 December +4 January +3 1/2

C P 1 301-05 December +18 January +16

C P 2 290-91 December +8 January +7

Berar 287-88 December +5 January +4

Khandesh 288-89 December —3 January —8

Jalna Sailu 288-89

Ahmednagar 288-89

Broach February +1

Punjab 4 F December +10/15

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Cotton Room Rates

Bombay, Dec 18

	Extra Sprtine	Sup	Fine	FG	Good
M G—					
Bengal U P	235	232	229	225	
Punjab	235	232	229	225	
Oomra No. 3	297	293	290	287	
C P No. 1	310	307	304	301	
C P No. 2	302	299	296	293	

COTTON TENDERS

Bombay, Dec 18

	To-day	Total
Bengal D/J	350	1260
Oomra D/J	400	2100

TATA HYDRO-ELECTRIC CONCERNS.

Messrs. Tata Hydro-Electric Agencies Limited, Agents for The Tata Hydro-Electric Power Supply Co. Ltd., The Andhra Valley Power Supply Co. Ltd., and The Tata Power Company, Limited, report that the total electrical (Board of Trade) units generated at the three Power Stations (Khopoli, Bhivpuri and Bhira) of the Hydro Group were as follows :—

50th Week)ended December 16th)	
1937	13,726,700
1938	14,018,000
1939	14,324,000
Total for 50 Weeks (1st January to date)	
1937	532,027,800
1938	709,893,300
1939	666,273,900

PEPPER AND GINGER PRICES

Bombay, Dec 18

(The Pepper and Ginger Merchants' Association, Ltd.).

Pepper ready Allepey per candy	Rs.	110	0 0
Pepper ready Allepey new per candy		103	0 0
Pepper Maha Sud 15th per candy		112	0 0
Pepper Chaitra Sud 15th per candy		110	0 0
Pepper ready Lampong in C.I.F. per cwt.		13	0 0
Ginger ready unbleached per cwt.		21	0 0
Ginger ready bleached per cwt.		24	0 0
Ginger Maha Sud 15th per cwt.		26	0 0
Ginger Chaitra Sud 15th per cwt.		28	0 0

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

Bombay, Dec. 18.

2 3/4 per cent 1948/52 91-8
3-1/2 per cent G P Notes Cash 87-6
3 per cent 1951/54 Loan 92-12
3 per cent 1941 Bonds 100-14
3 per cent 1951/54 Loan 92-12
3 per cent 1963/65 86-12
3 1/2 per cent 1947/50 Loan 99-1
4 per cent 1943 Bonds 103-10
4 per cent 1960/70 102-4
4 1/2 per cent 1955/60 Loan 106-12
5 per cent 1940/43 Loan 102

TAXFREE LOANS

5 per cent 1915/55 Loan 110-8
4 per cent 1953/62 Mysore Loan 103/1
5 per cent 1955 Mysore Loan 114

CORPORATE DEBENTURES

4 per cent B P T 1974 99
6 per cent M Deb 1959 106
6 per cent M Deb 1954 116
6 per cent K P T 1965 116.

Tone:—Unchanged Steady.

MONEY MARKET

Bombay, Dec 18

B C RATES—

T T D D 1/5 15/16 to March

LONDON—

Bank's selling T T D D 1/5 31/32 to Mar.
Bank's selling T T D D .....
Bank's buying T T 1/6 1/32 One month
Bank's buying D D 1/6 3/32
Bank's buying 3 months 1/6 7/32 One month.
Bank's buying 3 months 1/6 9/32 Two months.

NEW YORK—

Bank's selling T T 334
Bank's buying T T 329
Bank's buying D D 327

PARIS—

Bank's selling T T 1290
Bank's buying T T 1330

JAPAN—

Bank's selling T T 80 3/8
Bank's buying T T 79 3/8
Bank's buying 60 days 78 3/8

AMSTERDAM—

Bank's selling D D 55 1/8

JAVA—

Bank's selling D D 54 3/4

HONGKONG—

Bank's selling D D 84 1/4

SHANGHAI—

Bank's selling D D 87 1/8

SINGAPORE—

Bank's selling D D 157 3/4

BERLIN—

Bank's selling D D .....

CROSS RATE—

Hongkong London 1/3 1/32 18th inst.
Shanghai London 0/4 13/16 18th inst
Japan London 1/2 1/4 18th inst.
Java London 7.46/56 18th inst.
New York London 3.94 16th inst.
London New York 4.02/4 16th inst
London Paris 176.7 16th inst.
London Italy 77.50 16th inst.
London Belgium 24.20/45 16th inst.
London Switzerland 17.80/95 16th inst.
London Stockholm 16.75/95 16th inst.
London Amsterdam 7.52/58 16th inst.
London/Berlin .....
Tone of Sterling Exchange :—Steady.
Gold £8/8/0 16th inst.
Gold £8-8-0 16th inst.
Silver London Ready 23 3/8 18th inst.
Silver London Ready 23 3/8 16th inst.
Silver London Forward 23 9/16 18th inst.
Silver London Forward 23 9/16 16th inst.
Silver New York Ready 34 3/4 18th inst.
Silver New York Ready 34 3/4 16th inst.
London Discounts 3 months 1 1/4 per cent 15th inst.
London discounts 3 months 1 1/4 per cent 16th inst.
London Discounts 6 months 1 5/8 per cent 15th inst.
London discounts 6 months 1 5/8 per cent 16th inst.
Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent.
Bank of England Rate 2 per cent.
Money :—Call 1 1/2 per cent.
3 Months 2 1/4 per cent.
6 Months 2 per cent.
Tone :—Firm.

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Bombay, Dec 18

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

3 1/2 per cent Paper 87/4; 4 per cent 1960/70 102/8; 5 per cent 1945/55 110/8

BANKS

Bank of Baroda 98/8; Bank of Hindusthan 24/12; Bank of India 135/12; Central Bank 33/14; Imperial Bank F P 1481/4; Imperial Bank P P 365; Indian Overseas Bank 47; Reserve 104/4; Union Bank 5/8/6

TEXTILES

Ahmd New Textiles 510; Ambica 315; Arun 250; Arvind 1405; Asok 253/12; Bharatkhand Textiles 2300; Bombay Dyeing 1172/8; Buckingham and Ca:natics 228; Calico 822/8; Central India 383/2; Century 425; Colaba 238/12; Elgin 165; Gokak 241/4; Hukumchand 165/10; Indore Malwa 52/8; Jubilee 322/8; Khatau Makanji 145/10; Kohinoor 458/2; Laxmi Cotton 618/12; Madhusudan 200; Marsden 132/8; Morarji 260; Mysore 130; Nandlal Bhandari 77/4; New Great 473/12; Raipur 745; Rajnagar 166/4; Sajjan 97/8; Sassoon and Alliance 88/8; Sholapur 4000; Simplex 143/12; Swadeshi 371/14; Vishnu 1442/8

HYDRO ELECTRICS

Andhra Valley Ord 1498/8; Tata Hydro Ord 168/10; Tata Power Ord 1365

ELECTRICS

Ahmedabad Electrics 150; Ajmer Electrics 10/4; Amalgamated 10/12; Bombay Suburban 165; Bombay Tram 130; Talgaon Electrics 0; Lahore Electrics 225; Surat Electrics 160

MISCELLANEOUS

Alcock Ashdown 569/8; Associated Cements 141; Belapur 258/12; Bombay Burma New 225; Bombay Burma Old 696/4; Bombay Steam 332/8; Bombay Telephone 86/8; Br B. Petrol 6/5; Burma Corporation 8/4; Dalmia Cement 10; Indian Bleaching 163/2; Industrial Investment Tr 49/8; Indian Radio Ord 425; Indian Radio Defd 425; Indian Copper 2/12/6; Indian Iron 44/8; Mysore Sugar 45; Port Canning 74; Premier Construction 67/8; Rohtas Industries 24; Scindia Steam 26/8; Shivrajpur 56; Steel Corp of Bengal 24/4; Tata Oil 58; Tata Steel ordy 418; Tata Steel Defd 2195

JUTES

Birla Jute 24/12; Howrah 63; Hukumchand 8/12; Kamarhatty 578; Kankinarrah 480; Lawrence 480; Reliance 67

DELIVERY OF SHARES

Following Delivery Slips have been issued to-day :—

Tata Ordinaries	55
Tata Deferreds	17
Bengal Steel Corporations	400
Bombay Dyeings	7
Simplexes	10
Burma Corporations	100
Indian Copper Corporations	100

INDIAN BUSINESS ACTIVITY

"Capital" Index of Indian Business Activity shows a fall of 5.4 points in August, the last month before the war. Compared with July, the indices for Cotton Manufactures, Steel Ingots and Paper record big drops of 3.8 points, 9.6 points and 10.4 points, respectively, while the index for coal reveals a sharp increase of 6.4 points. Those for Jute manufactures and Pig-iron remain practically unchanged.

The indices for Internal Trade, Cheque Clearances, Exports and Tonnage Cleared indicate heavy declines of 8.0 points, 10.3 points, 14.5 points and 5.4 points, respectively, while those for Imports and Tonnage Entered have advanced by 6.6 points and 2.4 points respectively.

BOMBAY METALS

Bombay, Dec 18

Yellow metal sheets	Rs.	85	0 0
Copper sheets		98	0 0

Tone :—Firm.

Tata Steel Shares Firm

COTTON TEXTILE ISSUES EASY

Associated Cements Decline

Bombay, Dec 18

The local share bazar was fairly steady and although prices did not register any important advance, the undertone was impressive with utter absence of selling pressure. The sinking of "Graf Spee" failed to administer any change on the market.

At the opening the market was quiet and improved few points but with cotton and silver markets quiet prices reacted under scattered selling. Later on there was moderate support and prices once again hardened.

With nothing in news to stir up entnusiasm, Wall Street generally remained in a narrow but with group movement on Saturday, again undefined and with year-end tax selling believed to be still main recovery barrier but the session closed steady with fractional losses. U. S. Steel shares declined 1/4 at 67 3/4, while Anaconda and General Motors were unchanged.

Tata Steel Defds. and Ordinary shares closed at a new high level and though during working hours we have records of higher prices but the close indicates the underlying strength.

As compared with activity in cotton textile shares, Steel shares do not show any aggressive action owing to cautions attitude adopted by the professional element while textile shares remain highly manipulated although in some sections it is said that

ACTIVE SHARES AT A GLANCE

Bombay, Dec 18

Bombay Dyeing (1187/8) 1180 1190 1172 1180 1172 1178 1173

Century (436) 432 430 434 425 428 425/8

Central India (392) 387 392 385 386 387 384

Kohinoor (472) 466 468 459 460 461 459

New Great (477) 470 474 472 475

Simplex (146) 144 143 147 143/8 144

Swadeshi (384) 382 379 380 374 376 374

Associated Cement (145) 144 142 141,8 142 141/8

Andhra (1500) 1495

Tram Ord (131/8) 131 130/8

Tata Hydro (156) 156

Tata Power (1365) 1360 1372 1367 1370 1367

T Steel Defd (2180) 2165 2177 2172 2192 2175 2195 2200 2195 2207 2200

T Steel Ord (415) 414 415 418 415 419

Tata Steel 2nd Pref (134/8) 134/8 134/4

Bellapur (261) 260 258 260

B Steam (332) 332 333

B Burma (702/8) 697 701 695 701 697 698

the present working does of our Mills show no improvement in the margin of profits but the market sentiment remains constructive.

Tata Steel Defd shares opened at Rs. 2165 again last closing at Rs. 2180 and in the absence of any selling prices steadily improved to Rs. 2190. There was scattered realising and prices reacted to Rs. 2170 but better support appeared and prices hardened to Rs. 2207 and closed at Rs. 2200. Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 414 and advanced to Rs. 419.

Cotton Mill shares were quiet with a tendency to realise. Bombay Dyeing shares opened at Rs. 1180 and after advancing to Rs. 1190 declined to Rs. 1173. Century shares declined to Rs. 425 after touching Rs. 434. Central India shares after advancing to Rs. 392 declined to Rs. 384. Kohincors came down to Rs. 459 and New Great Mill shares closed at Rs. 475.

Hydro-Electric shares were quietly steady. Tata Powers opened at Rs. 1360 and closed at Rs. 1367. Bellapurs changed hands at Rs. 360 and Bombay Steams were steady at Rs. 333. Bombay Burmas were fairly steady at Rs. 698. The whole list was quiet but Tata Steel shares gained strength and closed at new high levels.

TEXTILE SHARES

Bombay, Dec. 18.

100 Ahr. Advance		355	0
250 BOM. DYEING		1173	12
100 CENTURY		425	8
100 CENTRAL INDIA		384	9
100 COLABA		230	0
100 Coorla		130	8
250 David		60	0
250 Dawn		401	4
1 E. D. Sassoon Def.		0-11-0	
100 Finlay		208	0
100 GOKAK		242	8
1000 Hindustan		2060	0
100 Indore		56	0
100 Khatau		145	10
100 KOHINOOR		459	0
250 Laxmi		622	8
250 Madras United		25	0
100 MORARJI		261	0
250 Model		100	0
50 MYSORE		134	8
200 NEW GREAT		475	0
100 Osmanshahi		51	0
100 PHOENIX		316	0
25 Sassoon Silk		68	8
1000 Sholapur		4000	0
50 SIMPLEX		144	0
50 SWADESHI		376	0
100 SWAN		189	0
500 Vishnu		1440	0
1000 Western		915	0
BANKS			
50-100 Baroda		98	8
25-50 Central		33	14
125-500 Imp. Conty.		365	0
500 Imperial		1481	4
50-100 India		135	12
100 Reserve Bank		104	4
5 Union		5-8-6	
CEMENTS			
100 ASSOCITED		141	8
INSURANCE			
100 Empire		630	8
15-100 Jupiter		9	6
20 Mercantile		50	0
15-75 New India		34	4
200 Oriental		3900	0
10-50 Vulcan		6	15
ELECTRIC			
100 Ahmed. Old		150	0
100 ANDHRA VALLEY		1495	0
10 Ajmer		10	4
50 BOMBAY TRAM		130	8
100 Bombay Suburban		165	0
10 Broach		11	8
100 Karachi		182	8
100 Poona		183	8
100 Surat		160	0
100 TATA HYDRO		156	0
100 TATA POWER		1367	8
RAILWAYS			
500 Ahmedabad Prantij		982	8
100 C. Province		98	0
100 Dh. Baramati		93	0
100 Gujarat		97	0
100 Mandra Bhon		92	0
100 Pachora Jamner		73	0
100 Sara Serajganj		87	0
500 Tapti Valley		757	8
MININGS			
5 Burma Corp.		8	6
2sh. Indian Copper		2-13-9	
10 Indian Iron and Steel		44	8
10 SHIVRAJPUR		56	8
30 TATA STEEL DEF.		2200	0
75 TATA STEEL ORD.		419	0
MISCELLANEOUS			
100 ALCOCK		570	0
10 Air Services		6	2
80 BELAPUR SUGAR		260	0
200 Bombay Safe Dep.		581	4
250 BOMBAY STEAM		333	0
125 B. BURMA		698	12
50 B. BURMA CONTY.		225	0
8sh. Br. B. Petrol		6	0
50 BOMBAY TELEPHONE		87	0
100 IND. BLEACHING		154	0
50 Ind. Invest Trust		49	8
100 Ind. Radio Def.		400	0
100 I. Radio Ord.		405	0
30 Port Canning	XD.	74	0
30 PREMIER CON.		88	0
15 Scindia		26	8
25 Tata Oil Mill		154	4
100 Western I. Match			
PREFERENCE			
7 p.c. Andhra Valley		1327	8
6 p.c. Bombay Steam		310	0
p.c. Bom. (T.F.)		75	4
5 p.c. Central India (T.F.)		550	0
6 1/4 p.c. Prem. Const. 1st		107	0
6 1/4 p. c. Prem. Const. 2nd		100	0
7 p.c. Tata Hydro		140	10
7 1/2 p.c. Tata Power		1450	0
7 p.c. Tata Steel 1st Pref.		190	0
7 1/2 p.c. Tata Steel 2nd		134	4
7 p.c. Vishnu		682	8
DEBENTURES			
3 3/4

LATEST COMMERCIAL NEWS

NEW YORK COTTON EIGHT POINTS DOWN

Fresh Support In Bombay Silver Market

LIVERPOOL COTTON FIRM

Bombay: December 18.

The sentiment in New York Cotton Market was decidedly better following good outside cables and scattered trade and foreign buying, but later small reaction appeared, as there was no follow-up on buying side.

In the local market fluctuations during the night session were insignificant. Market closed steady at Rs. 234.

London Stock Exchange was quietly steady. The business in Gilt-edgeds remained quiet with no change in Indian Sterling Loan. Silver prices in London were steady.

COTTON

LATEST NEW YORK

COTTON PRICES

MARCH 1940
New York: December 18.

Previous closing	10.96
To-day's opening	10.96
Difference	Nil.
To-day's closing	10.88
Difference	—8

LIVERPOOL COTTON

MARCH 1940
Liverpool: December 18.

Previous closing	8.25
To-day's opening	8.50
Difference	+25
To-day's closing	8.50
Difference	+25

Broach April/May Expectation ..... Rs. 331-8

N. Y COTTON MARKET

New York: December 18.

The New York cotton displayed better sentiment to-day on fairly good outside cables, but the lack of follow-up on buying side caused reaction.

The trading in March began at 10.96, i. e. unchanged from the last closing. Prices showed the steadiness on scattered trade and foreign buying with March rising to 11.03, but the higher level brought out considerable liquidation and local selling. March eased off to 11.00.

BOMBAY COTTON
Late Trading

Bombay: December 18.

The trading in Broach A/M began at Rs. 332/3. The final close was Rs. 334 after touching Rs. 336/8.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York: December 18.

Following were the opening ranges on New York Cotton Exchange:—

March (10.92/1) 10.97/96
May (10.59/9) 10.62/62
July (10.22/2) 10.39/39

Liverpool Cotton

Liverpool: December 18.

American January (8.24) 8.46
American March (8.28) 8.50
Giza January (8.69) 10.20
Giza March (9.82) 10.32

LONDON COMMODITIES

JUTES

London: December 18.

Dundee December (£53 3/4) £53 3/4
Lightning December (£51 1/2) £51 1/2

SEEDS

Cottonseeds December January (£22 quoted) £22 quoted.
Linseed Calcutta December/January (£21 1/6 quoted) £21 1/8 quoted.
Linseed La Plata December January (£16 6/6 quoted) £16 6/8 quoted
Groundnuts Coromandal December January (£14 3/4 quoted) £14 3/4 quoted

RUBBER

Spot (11 7/8) paid and buyers) 11 15/16 paid and buyers.
Forward January/March (11 15/16 paid and value) 11 15/16 paid and buyers.

METALS

Tin (£258 3/4 buyers £259 1/4 sellers. Steady) £258 1/2 buyers; £259 sellers. Easier.
Glasgow Iron (111 sh.) 111 sh
Electrolytic Copper Max. £62
Lead £25.

EXCHANGES

CROSS RATES

T T. NEW YORK ON LONDON
New York: December 18.

Previous closing	3.93 7/8
To-day's opening	3.93 7/8

T T LONDON ON NEW YORK
London: December 18.

Previous closing	4.02 to 4.04
To day's opening	4.02 to 4.04
To day's closing	4.02 to 4.04

T T LONDON ON PARIS
London: December 18

Previous closing	176 to 177
To-day's opening	176 to 177
To day's closing	176 to 177

LONDON EXCHANGES

London: December 18.

London Exchange opened with the sterling dollar at 4.02 to 4.04 which is officially fixed rate.

Franc was officially fixed at 176 to 177

CROSS RATES

London on Bombay (1 6) 1-5
Paris on Bombay (13 23 3/4) 13.23 3/4
New York on Bombay (30.14) 30.12
London on Milan (77.50) 77.50
London on Shanghai (0-4 3/8 to 0-4 13/16) 0-4 3/8 to 0-4 7/8)
London on Kobe (1-2 5/16 to 1-2 13/32) 1-2 1/4 to 1-2 11/32

DISCOUNTS

3 months (1 1/4 to 1 5/16 per cent) 1 1/4 to 1 5/16 per cent.
4 months (1 5/16 to 1 3/8 per cent) 1 5/16 tol 3/8 per cent.
6 months (1 1/2 to 1 5/8 per cent) 1 1/2 to 1 3/8 per cent.

BULLION

Influx (nil) nil
Withdrawal (nil) nil
Silver 23 7/16d.
Gold (£8/8/0) £8/8/0.

WHEAT AND SEEDS
Latest Night Quotations

Bombay: December 18.

Wheat January	4	9	3
Wheat May	5	2	9
Linseed May	9	11	3

BOMBAY BULLION
Latest Quotations

Bombay: December 18.

Silver Ready	62	15	0
Silver Magsar	63	2	0
Silver Posh	63	13	0
Gold Ready	41	15	6
Gold Magsar	42	0	6
Gold Posh	42	2	6
Sovereign	26	12	0

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

New York: December 16.

The following are the opening quotations:—

General Motors (dol 54 1/8) dol 54 1/8
Anaconda Copper Mining (dol 31 1/4) dol 31
U S Steel Common (dol 63 1/4) dol 63 1/4
U S Steel Pref. (Unquoted) dol 114 3/4

LONDON SILVER CABLE

Bombay: December 18.

The following cable regarding London silver market was received here to-day:

Little bear covering. Business small. Market quietly steady.

LONDON SILVER

London: December 18.

Spot (23 3/8d) 23 7/16d +1/16
Forward (23 9/16d) 23 9/16d nil

LONDON GOLD

London: December 15.

Gold Bars Fine per ounce (£8-8-0) £8-8-0

3½ P.C. STERLING LOAN

London: December 18.

3 1/2 per cent Sterling Loan closed today at £81 1/2

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

INDIAN LOANS

London: December 18.

3 per cent Indian Stock (£92 1/2) £92 1/2
3 1/2 per cent Indian Stock (£81 1/2) £81 1/2
4 1/2 per cent Indian Stock 1950/55 (£103 1/2) £103 1/2
4 1/2 per cent 1958/68 (£104 1/4) £104 1/4
4 per cent Indian Stock 1948/53 (£100 1/4) £100 1/4
5 per cent Indian Stock 1942/47 (£103 1/2) £103 1/2
3 1/2 per cent Indian Stock 1954/59 (£94 1/4) £94 1/4

AUSTRALIAN LOANS

5 per cent 1945/55 (£102) £102

BRITISH FUNDS

2 1/2 per cent Consols (£67 5/8) £67 5/8
3 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£93) £93
4 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£100 3/4) £100 3/4
4 per cent Funding Loan (£106 3/4) £106 1/4
3 1/2 per cent War Loan (£92 1/4) £92 1/4
4 1/2 per cent Victory Bonds (£105 1/4) £105 1/4

INDUSTRIALS

Standard Motors (11-6) 11-4 1/2
Marks and Spencer Ordinary (52) 52-3
Hydro Electric (dol 3 1/4) dol 3 1/4
—Elec. Music Industry (7-7 1/2) 7-6 3/4
Pinchin Johnson (19-4 1/2) 18-1 1/2
Imperial Chemical (29-4 1/2) 29-3
Woolsworth New Ordinary (62) 62-3
San Paulo 7 per cent Coffee Rates 1937 (£30 3/4) £30 1/2
Dunlop Rubber (30-3) 30
Unilever Ordinary (31-6) 31-4 1/2
Ford Motors (13-4 1/2) 13-0
Cables and Wireless New Ordinary (£57 1/2) £57
British American Tobacco Ordinary (91-3) 91-10 1/2
Carreas A (£5 3/4) £5 3/4
Imperial Tobacco Ordinary (118-9) 119-4 1/2
P and O Def (21-1 1/2) 21-1 1/2
Distillers (65-3) 66-3
Bredfords Dye (4-9) 4-9
British Celanese (7-3) 7-1 1/2
J and P Coates Ordinary (32-3) 33
Courtaulds Ordinary (37-1 1/2) 37
Fine Cotton Spinners (4-10 1/2) 5-3
Vickers Limited Ordinary (16-4 1/2) 16-4 1/4
Inter Nickel (dol 46 1/2) dol 46
Indian Iron (64-4 1/2) 63-9

TEA SHARES

Assam (17-6) 17-6
Donaro Tea (31-3) 31-3
Empire of India (22-6) 22-6

JUTE

Barnagore (£11 1/2) £11 1/2

RUBBER SHARES

Anglo-Dutch Rubber (27-7 1/2) 27-4 1/2
Gula Kelampong (23-6) 23-1 1/2
Rubber Plant Inv. Trust (34-3) 34-1 1/2

MINING SHARES

Nandydrug (32-6) 32-5
Burma Corporation (11-9) 12
Rio Tintos (£15 3/4) £15 1/2
East Rand Properties (46-3) 46-10 1/2
Rand Mines (£7 1/4) £7 1/4

MINE SHARES

Crown (£14 1/8) £14 1/8
Associated Portland Cement (53-9) 52-6
Trinidad Leaseholds (71-10 1/2) 72-6
Sub Nigel (£10 1/8) £10 1/8
Spring Mines Spilt Shares (25-0) 25-0
Union Corporation (£7) £7

OIL SHARES

Venezuela Persian (23-1 1/2) 23-1 1/2
Anglo Persian (53-9) 53-9
Burma Oil (51-3) 51-3
Mexican Eagle (6-7 1/2) 6-6
Shell Transport (81-3) 81-3
Royal Dutch (£32 1/4) £33 1/2

RAILWAY SHARES

Great Western Ordinary (£35) £35 1/4
London Midland Ordinary (£11 7/8) £12 1/2
London North Eastern Def (£2 1/4) £2 1/4
London Southern Def. (£11 3/4) £11 3/4
London Transport 5 per cent (£111) £111
London Transport 'C' (£65) £65

KARACHI SHARE MARKET

Karachi: December 18.

To-day's closing quotations:—

Cotton Sind Jan. 31/1/6; Punjab Jan. 24/3/9; Desi American Jan. 34/13 sellers.
Wheat Jan. 33/4; March 34/3/9; July 35/15/3 sellers.
Gram Jan. 39/1, July 38/14,
Toria Feb. 50/6/6; March 51/12.
Cottonseeds Jan. 25/4; March 25/14.

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

Jutes Quiet But Steady

Calcutta: December 18.

Jutes ruled quiet but steady after this week-end. Easier feeling still pervaded in Coals and only a limited amount of business was put through. Teas was rather inactive market. Miscellaneous speculative issues were a turn quieter. Government Securities ruled steady.

Government Securities: 3 1/2 per cent Government Paper 87/6; 5 per cent Loan 1945/55 11/11 s lot.

Banks: Central 34; Reserve 101/8; Imperial fully paid 1472/8.

Cotton: New Victori Cotton Ord. 1/13.

Coals: Bengal 411 s lots C div; Borreo 21/4; Bokrao and Ramgur 18/12; Central Kurkend 18/14; Dhemo Main 19/2; North Damuda 7/6; Raneegunge 33/4.

Jutes: Adamjee 25/4 s lot; Anglo-India 434/8; Agarpara 27 s lot; Alliance 323; Barnagore 154; Belvedere 451; Birla 25/14; Budge Budge 384 ex-div; Jutes Clive 31/6 s lots; Ft. Gloster Pref 153; Ft. William 295/8; Howrah 53; Kamarhatty 580; Kankanarrah 475; National 26/4 Ct. ex-div; Nuddea 78/12; Presidency 6/7.

Miscellaneous: Burma Corporation 8/8; Consolidated Tin 6; Indian Copper 2/13; Indian Iron and Steel 44/2 s lot; Indian Iron and steel 44/8; Steel Corporation Ord. 24/4; Steel Corporation Pref. 100; B. I. Corporation 5; B B Petroi 6/8; India Paper Pulp 160; Titaghur Paper 'A' or 'B' Ord. 30/4 s l; Tezpore Tea Ord. 8/9.—A. P.

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay, Dec 18

In sympathy with a rise of 7 points in New York cotton futures, the local market was expected to open at Rs. 330 for Broach A/M delivery and the market opened at Rs. 329 and declined to Rs. 323 on hopes that the Liverpool market will open lower as a result of sinking of "Graf Spee" as exports to the United Kingdom will be increased. Later on there was some buying and prices improved to Rs. 327/8. Later on there was some professional selling.

Later on there was better demand. The firmness of share bazar and a rise of 150 points in Alexandria cotton market, attracted buying in the local market and Broach A/M was quoted at Rs. 332. Liverpool market opened at a maximum rise of 25 points and prices in the local market advanced to Rs 335.

Later on there was increased realising and prices declined to Rs. 331/8. The market closed at 5-30 p.m. as under:—

F G M G Broach:—			
April/May	Rs.	331	8 0
Fine M G Oomra:—			
December/January		289	8 0
March		293	8 0
F G M G Bengal:—			
December/January		331	8 0
March		334	0 0

Indian Cotton Figures

Bombay, Dec 18

RECEIPTS INTO BOMBAY
Since 1st Sept.

In full-pressed bales 16-12-39	This year	Last year
Khandesh	586	8,507	10,882
Central India	121	10,284	51,811
Barsi and Nagar	2,083	38,150	11,136
Hyderabad Gasorani	738	10,663	840
Berar	1,081	56,135	36,567
Central Provinces	114	12,945	14,018
Total Oomras	4,373	136,784	124,314
Dholera	40	7,681	52,756
N W Provinces		15,970	487
Rajputana	202	8,189	9,207
Sind Punjab	1,083	137,441	85,109
Broach		788	11,651
Coompta and Dharwar	99	13,206	11,757
Westerns Northerns	102	11,347	10,481
Cocoanada			1
Tinnevelly and Cambodia		282	3,019
American		138	512
Egyptian, African and Sudan	1,801	119,289	109,724
Comilla, Burma and other sorts	645	1,892	6
Total	8,695	452,997	418,024
Arrived by road to 14th December 1939		50,000	

EXPORTS FROM BOMBAY.

1st Sept to 14th Dec.

In full-pressed bales 16-12-39	This year	Last year
Europe		33,038	59,662
Japan and China	100	241,405	321,756
Coast Ports		8,229	10,753
Up-country by Rail		117,589	89,710
Afloat in harbour for Europe China and Japan		11,470	23,943
Total	100	411,731	505,804

American Cotton Figures

F P Bales	1939-40	1938-39
Receipts to date 16-12-39	4426000	2900000
Receipts yesterday 16-12-39	37000	10000
Exports to date 16-12-39	2818000	1655000
Stock at Ports 15-12-39	3196000	3085000
Stock at Interior Towns 15-12-39	3446000	3467000
Stock at Liverpool 15-12-39	.....	1086000
Visible Supply 15-12-39	.....	7905000
Quantity in sight 15-12-39	8822000	7018000
Quantity out of sight 15-12-39	.....	4745000

GROUNDNUTS & SEEDS

Bombay, Dec 18

The Seed Traders' Association remained closed to-day as a mark of respect to the death of a member.

BOMBAY YARN QUOTATIONS

Bombay, Dec 18

Yarn No. 6 1/2s.—			
December	151	0	0
February	154	0	0
April	157	0	0
Yarn No. 10 1/2s.—			
December	179	0	0
February	183	0	0
April	188	0	0
Yarn No. 20 1/2s.—			
December	234	0	0
February	239	0	0
April	246	0	0
Yarn No. 40s.—			
December	294	0	0
February	295	0	0
April	297	0	0

SHIPPING NEWS

EXPORTS

Bombay, Dec 18

100 bales cin grey yarn A El Ejel; 180 bales cin g m twist Bombay Imp and Expt Agency; 100 bales raw cotton N Rajaram and Co; 110 bales raw cotton Suleiman and Co Ltd; 500 bales raw cotton The Nissho Co Ltd; 65 bales raw cotton A Clayton and Co; 100 bales raw cotton Konishi and Co Ltd; 1000 bales raw cotton V Morarjee; 100 bales raw cotton J D Thaker; 50 bales raw cotton Amratlal Ravchand; 100 bales raw cotton S Karamshi and Co; 50 bales raw cotton S R Tulshan and Co Ltd; 5315 bags gr nut oil cake exp P Surchand; 97 bales raw wool D Abraham and Sons; 500 bags sesame seeds D Abraham and Sons; 25 bales cin pcegoods S J Fattal; 445 bags castorseed Goria Ltd; 19 bales cin yarns K Virji and Co; 38 tons scrap iron Faiz and Co; 1430 bales raw cotton The Bombay Co Ltd; 329 bales raw cotton Volkart Bros; 8600 bags gr nut kernal S M Rajgor and Co; 200 bales raw cotton K Devchand and Co Ltd.

SHIPPING NEWS

IMPORTS

Bombay: December 18.

535 cases cotton piecegoods; 47 bales cotton fents; 65 cases biscuits; 30 bales wool tops; 198 cases machinery; 167 drums solid caustic soda; 40 cases glass paper and emery cloth; 2069 bundles Steel hoops; 40 cases common salt; 243 bundles boiler tubes; 67 cases colour; 35 cases sauce; 239 bags broken tiles; 70 cases Steel bars; 400 bundles steel wire; 64 D/bags steel rivets; 31 D/bags stearine; 85 drums Heald varnish; 88 loose pneumatic motor car outer covers; 60 packages machinery parts; 30 cases electric motors; 82 loose pneumatic tyres; 36 cases wireless valves; 5917 bags soda ash; 35 packages aniline dyes; 92 cases cycles and parts; 100 drums iron liquor; 50 cases scanning powder, 100 loose C I cisterns; 50 cases crown corks; 159 bundles lead plates; 43 bundles cigaret tes; 87 packages water tube boiler parts; 200 kegs Hydrosulphite of soda; 1001 drums bleaching powder; 35 cases cider; 64 pieces Steel tyres; 69 pieces C I valves and fittings; 38 packages electric cables; 2893 bundles steel baling hoops; 600 cases safety matches; 225 cases cashew kernals; 1621 packages coir yarn; 909 packages coir rope; 400 packages rubber; 56575 pieces and bundles teak wood; 126 drums cocoanut oil; 350 bags cocoanuts; 202 casks tallow; 400 cases milk powder; 50 bags ginger; 30 cases perfumed soap; 301 cases washing soap; 452 bags sugar; 592 bgs groundnut shelled; 250 nos. tin block; 1488 cases jams and desserts.

RURAL UPLIFT IN NORTHERN DIVISION

Jesawada Group Of Villages Gets Sykes Shield

The Director of Information, Bombay, writes:—

The Government of Bombay has awarded the Sir Frederick Sykes Village Improvement Shield in the Northern Division to the Jesawada Group Village Improvement Committee in the Broach and Pench Mahals District, for the year 1938. This Committee operates in nine villages of the Dohad Taluka—Jesawada, Chanwada, Nelsur, Vadva, Vajelav, Abhlod, Ambali, Chhanchheda and Bawka.

The most outstanding achievement of the Committee lay in improving the economic condition of the villagers. Due to active encouragement and financial assistance from charities, wells for irrigation have been dug as an insurance against deficient rainfall.

The well irrigation has also led to cultivation of remunerative crops.

The Committee has also been running four night schools at Abhlod, Chandwada, Nelsur and Vajelav, and has constructed a school building at Abhlod with a popular contribution of Rs. 400. A co-operative society to promote poultry farming is being set up.

Improvement of sanitary conditions in village sites, particularly in Jesawada village, has been effected.

The Collector of Broach and Panch Mahals will present the Shield to the Committee on a suitable occasion and it will be exhibited at the taluka kacheri in a prominent position.

Government also commends the progress made in village improvement in the villages of Kunjarao and Napa-Talpad in the Kaira district and Adajan in the Surat district, and by the Kalak Group Village Improvement Committee in the Broach and Panch Mahals district.

DRAFT BANKING BILL TO BE CIRCULATED

Will Come Up For Discussion In Autumn Session Of Assembly

NEW DELHI, Dec. 18.

The "United Press" learns that the Government of India have decided to circulate the draft Banking Bill which has been prepared and considered at two meetings of the Central Board of Reserve Bank, to the Provincial Governments, Chambers of Commerce and other commercial bodies for opinions.

Along with the draft Bill would be sent out an explanatory memorandum by the Reserve Bank as also the Bank's letter to the Central Government.

The Government of India would not express their views on the Draft Bill and circulate it without their comments. Six months' time is being given for expression of public opinion so that the Bill is likely to be considered at the autumn session of the Central Legislature in 1940.

The Bill is self-contained though, of course, certain provisions of the Company Law would govern banking operations.

The new Bill is mainly intended to secure the protection of depositors almost on lines as the Insurance Law secures the protection of the policy-holder.

The Central Government have asked for 2,000 copies of the Draft Bill from the Reserve Bank and it would be circulated and released to the press shortly.—United Press.

C. P. PRICES BACK TO NORMAL

NAGPUR, Dec. 18.

That the reaction to Government's recent efforts to check prices of commodities has been favourable throughout the province and that prices are returning to normal was revealed by the Chief Secretary to the Government of C. P. and Berar in a press conference to-day.—United Press.

Sheffield Shield Cricket

S. AUSTRALIA BEAT N. S. WALES

Bradman's 251 Not Out And 90 Not Out

ADELAIDE, Dec. 18.

In Sheffield Shield Cricket match between South Australia and New South Wales, South Australia won by seven wickets.

NEW SOUTH WALES 336 (Solomon 131; Klose 4 wickets for 23) and 248 (Chipperfield 57; Grimmett six wickets for 122).

SOUTH AUSTRALIA 430 (Bradman 251 not out; O'Reilley five for 108) and 156 for three (Bradman 90 not out).

In the first innings Bradman was at the wickets for 270 minutes. He hit two sixes and 36 fours. In the second innings he hit 14 fours in a 100 minutes' stay.—Reuter.

WORLD OF SPORT: HOME & ABROAD

All-India Battles In Christmas Week

(BY LOOKER-ON.)

The ensuing Christmas Week promises to be a very attractive one for sportsmen in general and followers of Lawn Tennis, Table Tennis and Badminton in particular. Three tournaments of an All-India character will be staged in different parts of the country. Calcutta is the venue for Lawn Tennis, Bombay for Table Tennis and Lahore for Badminton. From reports received from each centre it is evident that most of the leading personalities in each game will be seen in action which will go to make the tournaments exceedingly interesting.

TABLE TENNIS IN BOMBAY

Strong contingents are coming to Bombay from the Punjab, Bengal, Delhi and Hyderabad to contest for the Inter-Provincial and the All-India titles. With M. Ayub, the All-India Champion, in their vanguard, the Punjab has an excellent chance of retaining the honours. But Bengal and Bombay are making every effort to dislodge the northern invaders from their supreme positions. Whoever gains the laurels, the battles will be really thrilling. It is gratifying to note increasing interest is being displayed in sport in every part of the country which augurs well for the future of India and Indian Sport.

A PRAISEWORTHY DECISION

The Badminton Council of the B. P. O. A. deserve to be complimented on their decision to send a team to Lahore to compete in the All-India Championships. It has been a rare thing for Bombay to send out teams out of the province to participate in competitive or exhibition matches. In consequence of this insularity, Bombay has gone down the ladder of All-India standard in almost every game. It is only with frequent exchange of visits and trials of strength that our players will rise in the scale of accomplishment and reputation.

ANOTHER WELCOME DECISION

Hockey enthusiasts in Bombay will no doubt feel delighted to hear that the B. P. H. A. has at last decided to stage the Inter-Provincial Tournament in this City. It had practically become the monopoly of Calcutta since its inception. Now Bombay will have a hand in it. It is a pity it could not be held along with the Indian Olympic Games in February next. It will follow the Aga Khan Tournament at the Azad Maidan ground. Perhaps the financial question came in the way of staging it earlier. However I hope Bombay will make it a successful event, unlike the Lawn Tennis Tournament and pave the way for its regular visit in the future. Bombay must uphold the prestige of her title 'Urbs Prima in Indis'.

Inter-Collegiate Cricket

ELPHINSTONE COLLEGE KNOCK UP 249

Opponents' Poor Start In Rahimtoola Cup Final

Stolid batting by S. P. Pandit (44) and M. S. Naik (25) and valuable contributions by V. M. Chandarana (27), P. S. Varde (27), S. N. Mehta (26) and P. C. Engineer (24) stood the Elphinstone College in good stead in the final of the Rahimtoola Inter-Collegiate Cricket Tournament which began on Monday at the Bombay Gymkhana ground. A fairly large number of cricket enthusiasts, mostly students, were present to see the match. After an unimpressive start, Elphinstone College who won the toss managed to pile up 249 runs in their first venture.

The Sydenham College going in on their first knock had lost three valuable wickets for 39 runs when closure was applied for the day, the match to be continued to-day:—

ELPHINSTONE COLLEGE
First Innings

U. M. Chandarana c. D'Souza b. V. N. Raiji	19
V. M. Chandarana run out	27
P. S. Varde c. D'Souza b. Pednekar	27
M. S. Naik c. Katky B. Buch	35
K. K. Sanjana c. Pednekar b. M. N. Raiji	9
R. G. Patel b. Katky	10
S. N. Mehta b. M. N. Raiji	26
P. C. Engineer c. Katky b. M. N. Raiji	24
S. P. Pandit b. M. N. Raiji	44
B. R. Nagaraja Rao not out	9
M. M. Engineer st. Kapadia b. Pednekar	0
Extras	11
Total	249

BOWLING

V. N. Raiji 1 for 33, Katky 1 for 31, M. N. Raiji 4 for 89, R. B. Pednekar 2 for 42, P. B. Buch 1 for 22, Merchant 0 for 5, Reshamwalla 0 for 16.

SYDENHAM COLLEGE
First Innings

Prabhu l.-b.-w Sanjana	19
R. V. Kapadia c. Varde b. Mehta	0
P. J. Diwadkar not out	18
D'Souza c. Patel b. Sanjana	0
V N. Raiji not out	2
Extras	0
Total for 3 wkts.	39

HARBANS SINGH DRAWS WITH KING KONG

NAGPUR, Dec. 17.

The return bout between Harbans Singh and King Kong resulted in a draw after six well contested rounds in Mohan Park last night. In another All-in wrestling match Sher Afghan beat Mehar Singh.

INTER-COLLEGE SPORTS

Rajaram College Wins Championship

(From Our Correspondent.)

Mr. Justice N. S. Lokur of the Bombay High Court presided over the inter-collegiate sports of the Karnatak group of seven colleges of Dharwar, Belgaum, Kolhapur and Sangli, which concluded last Tuesday evening on the Karnatak college grounds. Mrs. Lokur gave away the prizes to the winners. The Rajaram College, Kolhapur, won the college championship and J. R. Vaishery of the Lingaraj College, Belgaum, won the individual championship. Karnatak College, Dharwar, won the championship in ladies' events. After the prize distribution principal D. G. Karve of the Willingdon College, Sangli, thanked the guests and the Local Sports Committee for the successful conduct of the sports. Prof. Sen of the Rajaram College invited the sports meet next year to Kolhapur. The function terminated after a pleasant 'At-Home' to competitors and guests.

RESULTS.

LADIES' EVENTS.

TENNIS (Singles): 1. Miss S. Patwardhan (Lingaraj Coll.), 2. Miss Gaikwad (Rajaram.)

'TENEKORF' (Doubles): 1. Miss M. Patil and Miss G. Patil (Karnatak). 2. Miss Khadekar and Miss Karkhanis (Rajaram).

Mixed: 1. Miss Gunaji and Chavan (L. C.). 2. Miss Karkhanis and Mudhale (R. C.)

Relay: 1. Karnatak College. 2. Lingaraj College.

50 meters: 1. Miss M. Patil (K. C.). 2. Miss O. Arnha (K. C.)

100 metres: 1. Miss M. Patil (K. C.) 2. Miss O. Aranha (R. C.)

MEN'S EVENTS.

1500 metres: 1. J. R. Vaishery (L. C.) 2. S. V. Patil (R. C.)

400 metres: 1. J. R. Vaishery (L. C.) 2. H. A. Kadam (R. C.)

200 metres: 1. J. R. Vaishery (L. C.) 2. S. K. Gojanur (Cykes Law Coll.)

100 metres: 1. Nipankar (R. C.) 2. J. R. Vaishery (L. C.)

High Jump: 1. N. B. Hiremath (L. C.) 2. D. N. Negwekar (L. C.) and G. R. Prabhavalkar (R. C.)

Broad Jump: 1. J. R. Vaishery (L. C.) 2. E. D'Souza (Maharani Tr. Coll.)

Hop Step and Jump: 1. H. A. Kadam (R. C.) 2. B. S. Dalvi (R. C.)

Pole Vault: 1. Malvade (Willingdon C.) 2. N. B. Hiremath (L. C.)

Putting the shot: 1 R. B. Sulakhe (R. C.) 2. Sunthankar (L. C.)

Swimming 200 metres: 1 M. Y. Bhosale (L. C.) 2. V. P. Jadav.

100 metres: 1. Nadagovda (L. C.) 2. M. Y. Bhosale (L. C.)

Delay Race: 1 Lingaraj College. 2. Rajaram College.

110 metres Hurdles: 1. V. R. Patil (K. C.) 2. Kolekar (L C.)

WRESTLING Bantam Wt. 1. S. B. Joshi (W. C.) 2. S. B. Shinde (R. C.)

Wrestling Feather weight: 1. A. V. Rege (R. C.) 2. T. N. Desai (R. C.)

Wrestling Light weight: 1. B. C. Torangatti (S. C.) 2 D. A. Patil (S. C.)

Wrestling Welter weight: 1. R. G. Patil (R. C.) 2. Adrishanavar (K. C.)

Kho-kho: 1. Rajaram College. 2. Lingaraj College.

Foot-Ball: 1. Rajaram College 2. Karnatak College.

Volley Ball:: 1. Karnatak College. 2. Rajaram College.

Hockey: 1. Karnatak College. 2. Lingaraj College.

TENNIS: Singles: 1. S. R. Sen (R. C.) 2. Kalkundri (L. C.)

Doubles: 1. S. K. Gojanur and Laxmanrao (S. C.) 2. Sen and Narsapur (R. C.)

STAFF DOUBLES: 1. Profs. G. S. Deshpande and Kolhatkar (S. C.) 2. Dr. S. G. Pauandikar and Prof R. V. Jagirdar (K. C.)

BOMBAY UNIVERSITY SPORTS

Ahmedabad To Hold Sixth Annual Meeting

The Sixth Bombay University Annual Inter-Group Sports and Tournaments are being held this year in Ahmedabad on the grounds of the Sheth Lalbhai Dalpatbhai Arts College on the 19th, 19th and 20th instant. The hosts are the group of Gujarat and Kathiawar Colleges but the main brunt of organising the sports and looking after the visiting athletes naturally falls upon the S.L.D. Arts College's staff and students as the Chairman of the Gujarat and Kathiawar Sports Committee for this year is Dr. V. K. R. V. Rao, Principal of the S. L. D. Arts College.

The competing Groups are the representatives of the Colleges of (1) Gujarat and Kathiawar, (2) Sind, (3) Bombay City and Suburbs, (4) Poona and (5) Karnatak. Twenty athletes are sent from each Group and the items are Tennis, Wrestling, Swimming, besides the Field and Track events. The Hon. Mr. G. V. Mavlankar, the Speaker of the Bombay Legislative Assembly presides over the final day's events.

A strong Reception Committee consisting of the Members of the four Colleges in Ahmedabad and other eminent citizens has been formed to assist in the arrangements. This is the second time that the Bombay University Inter-Group Sports and Tournaments are being held in Ahmedabad and it is expected that the sport-loving public of the city will extend their patronage.

SOUTH KANARA SPORTING ASSOCN.

At the general body meeting held on Sunday last, a resolution was passed placing on record its deep sense of loss at the sad demise of Mr. T. M. Uchil, Secretary of the Association, for the year 1939. The late Mr. Uchil threw his heart and soul into the work of the Association. The loss sustained by the Association by the premature death of Mr. Uchil is irreparable.

Textile Industry And Cotton Grower

Marwari Chamber President Reviews Industrial Conditions At Annual Meeting

Reviewing the Industrial and Trade conditions during the past year, Mr. Begraj Gupta, President of the Marwari Chamber of Commerce at its annual meeting on Sunday said:

Practically, the whole of the pre-war period passed under the shadow of the impending war which, by getting alternately deepened and lightened, as a result of rapid developments in international affairs created hesitancy of movement, uncertainty of outlook and nervousness of behaviour in industrial and trade activities. The Indian textile industry passed through one of the most critical periods of its history. Although due to the cheapness of cotton, its principal raw material, the volume of production was increased during the financial year 1938-39 by about 200 million yards and for a short time the industry made some profit, the demand did not keep pace with the supply.

Indeed it suffered a dimunition due to a shrinkage in the purchasing power of the masses partly caused by the fall of commodity prices. From the mills and the markets was heard the persistent complaint that sales were dwindling and stocks accumulating. This disheartening trend was further accentuated partly by the Provincial property tax and largely by the imposition of duty on raw cotton imports and a reduction in duty on imports of British cotton piecegoods under the Indo-British Trade Agreement.

SUGAR INDUSTRY

The Sugar Industry which had found its profits greatly reduced by internal competition was happily successful, later on in evolving a common distributing and price-fixing machinery which led to a restriction of production. This with other causes had resulted in a rise of the index number of sugar prices from 135 in July 1938 to 174 in May 1939. But that policy in its turn gave stimulus to the imports of foreign sugar which rose steadily from about 500 tons in August 1938 to 48,000 tons in June 1939 and has since been maintained at more or less that level, inevitably bringing down the index number of sugar prices from 174 in May 1939 to 162 in August 1939.

COTTON OPTIONS

Referring to the ban on cotton options Mr. Gupta said:

Who were the people clamouring for the revival of the Options Prohibition Ordinance. The Millowners Association and the European Chamber of Commerce and a few operators are directly interested in keeping down cotton prices. Those of us who have advocated the maintenance of a steady level of commodity prices in the interests of the growers have been unkindly accused of pretending lip sympathy and raising false cries. I may remind such critics that the interests of the growers in the fields and of the traders in the markets are identical. Neither trade nor industry can really prosper as long as the purchasing power of the masses remains low. It is, therefore, a wholly erroneous and short-sighted policy to seek to build the textile industry on cheap cotton prices.

Concluding his speech Mr. Gupta said:

"The Congress demand for clarification of war aims gave a splendid opportunity to British statesmen to forge a bond of abiding friendship with India. Why such a historic opportunity was missed is really incomprehensible. There is yet time to repair that mistake. Mahatma Gandhi still remains the most dominant political force in India. His statesmanship is unquestioned and his moderating influence upon the forces of extremism is acknowledged. Gandhiji, as none else, can pave the way for an abiding and honourable understanding between Britain and India. Let not British leadership hesitate or vacillate."—United Press.

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BOMBAY and SUBURBS

Local Engagements

To-day

Hindu: Magsar Sud 8, 1996
Muslim: Jilkad 7, 1358
Parsi: Tir 15, 1309
Hightide: 4-35; 17-42
Lowtide: 11-41; 23-00
Sunrise: 7h. 6h.
Sunset: 6h. 6m.
WEDNESDAY: Dec. 20
Municipal Corporation: 3 p.m. (B.T.)

B.P.C.C. URGENT MEETING

An urgent meeting of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee will be held to-morrow (Wednesday), at 6-30 p.m. (S.T.) at the Congress House.

SAFETY FIRST ASSOCIATION

A lecture on "Wartime Lighting" by Mr. K. M. Kharegnat will be given at 6-15 p.m. to-day (Tuesday) in the Conference Hall, Electric House. It is open to the public.

SION V. M. CHARITABLE DISPENSARY

During the month of November 1939 the total number of patients treated in this Dispensary was 673, among them the number of new admissions was 193. The average daily attendance was 26.

BOMBAY MUNICIPAL KAMGAR SANGH

A general meeting under the auspices of the above Sangh will be held to-day (Tuesday) at the Municipal Maidan (situated at Foras Rd., Municipal Chawls) at 6-30 p.m. Mr. M. V. Donde will preside.

RECEPTION TO SWAMI VIRAJANANDJI

A meeting of the members of the Committee for public reception of Sriman Swami Virajanandji of Ramakrishna Math and Mission, Belur Math, Calcutta, will be held at the Mayor's Room, Corporation Building, Bombay, to-morrow (Wednesday), at 6-15 p.m. to consider the final report.

BANKERS' CLEARING HOUSE

Cheques delivered through the Bombay Bankers' Clearing House during the week ending 15-12-1939 were as under:—Number of cheques—1,19,523; Amount of cheques—Rs. 26,48,02,547/13/5.

DEOGAD TALUKA TRANSFER COMMITTEE (BOMBAY—NORTH)

Under the auspices of the above Committee there will be a public meeting of the people of Deogad Taluka residing in Bombay, to-day (Tuesday) at 8-30 p.m. (S.T.) at the Maratha Samaj Graha Hall, 99 Suparibaug Road, Parel, Bombay 12.

UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' PARSI UNION

A meeting of the University Students' Parsi Union will be held to-day (Tuesday) at 7 p.m. at Yusuf Building, Room No. 12, opp. Flora Fountain to consider the present political situation with special reference to the latest move of Mr. Jinnah.

HINDUSTAN SCOUT ASSOCIATION

Prof. V. G. Rao, Provincial Commissioner, Hindustan Scout Association, Bombay Province, will be "At Home" to the members of the Bombay Provincial Scout Contingent to the Amritsar Hindustan Scout Mela to-day (Tuesday) at 6 p.m. (S.T.) at the Headquarters of the Municipal Scout Association (Municipal Schools Committee's Buildings, Gilder Tank, Bombay 7).

K. E. M. HOSPITAL AND G. S. M. COLLEGE EMPLOYEES' UNION

The first annual general meeting of the K. E. M. Hospital and G. S. M. College Employees' Union was held on Saturday on the Kene's Building Terrace at Naigaon. Mr. Kulkarni read the annual report and balance sheet which were passed and office-bearers were elected.

Mr. S. S. Mirajker who was elected President, addressed the workers and dwelt in detail the various grievances of the hospital workers.

HINDI CLASSES

Hindi classes have been started in the premises of Saraswat Union, Agarwal Nagar, Plots Nos. 595-98, Building No. 4, Room No. 1, Vincent Road, Matunga, on Monday and will be held on Mondays and Thursdays between 2 and 3 p.m. For enquiries see P. Kamaladevi, Block No. 7, Plot No. 579, Dileep Darshan, "Jame Jamshed" Road, Matunga, G.I.P.

SHREE DATTA JAYANTI

Shree Datta Jayanti Festival will be celebrated in Talkmakivadi (Old Dubashwadi), Tardeo Road, from to-day (Tuesday) to 26th Dec., both days inclusive. Every night from 8 to 10-30 p.m. there will be 'bhajans' and "arti". On the 25th inst. there will be 'bhajan" by Sneha Sanvardhak Bhajan Mandali from 7 a.m. to 12 noon; Nagar-bhajan and "Datta Janma" and "arti" from 12 noon to 1 p.m.

BOMBAY STUDENTS' UNION

In aid of the Bombay Students' Union a variety entertainment programme consisting of dance, music and histrionics will be staged on Friday (Dec. 22) at 6 p.m. at the Sir Cowasjee Jehangir Public Hall.

The proceeds of this show will be utilised to help the needy and deserving students.

Tickets could be purchased at: 1. The Bombay Students' Union Office, Congress House; 2. Bombay Students' Brotherhood, Blavatsky Lodge; 3. Good Will Traders, Lakshmi Building, Sir Pherozshaw Mehta Road, Fort.

SHRI MAHAVIRA JAINA VIDYALAYA

The annual sports of Shri Mahavira Jaina Vidyalaya was held on Sunday at the Gowalia Tank Maidan. Amongst other events Hu-tu-tu was given due patronage and it ended in a win for the non-medical students. Students showed proficiency in many other games. Sports were followed by a cricket match in the afternoon which ended in a win for Kora XI against Shah's XI.

OLD STUDENTS' UNION, RAM MOHAN ENGLISH SCHOOL

Mr. K. T. Mantri, Literacy Officer, Government of Bombay, paid a visit on Saturday to the Literacy and Adult Education classes conducted by the Old Students Union, Ram Mohan English School, Bombay. He expressed great satisfaction at the attendance and congratulated the Union on this valuable social activity.

ADDITIONAL MEMBER OF JUNAGADH STATE COUNCIL

His Highness the Nawab Saheb Bahadur of Junagadh appointed Mr A. M. Khan, B.A., LL.B., as Additional Law Member of the Junagadh State Council. He has been given the portfolios of Education, Garden, College, Muslim Hostels, Public Works, Electricity, Archaeology, Transport, etc. All legal and judicial matters will also go to the Law Member through Mr. A. M. Khan.

Amusements Of The Day

CAPITOL—"The Micado". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
REGAL—"Rio". Daily at 4 6-30 and 10 p.m
METRO—"Thunder Afloat". Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
EXCELSIOR—"The Real Glory". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
NEW EMPIRE—"Fifth Avenue Girl". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
MAJESTIC—"Bhagva Zenda". Daily at 4-15, 7 and 10 p.m.
ROXY—"Kangan". Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
MINERVA—"Pukar". Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
KRISHNA—"Aulad". Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
IMPERIAL—"As You Please". Daily at 4-15, 7 and 10 p.m.
LAMINGTON—"Tarzan Finds A Son". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
CENTRAL—"Admi". Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
DIAMOND—"Mirza Sahiban". Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
PLAZA—"Sukhacha Shodha". Daily at 4-15, 7 and 10 p.m.

Talk Of The Suburbs

(BY A SUBURBAN MAN)

The last week-end was a very busy one for the suburbs. Several clubs held their Christmas sports.

On Sunday, the G. I. P. Railway Institute of Bandra held its annual treat and sports for children, which was well attended by members and their families.

On the same evening St. Stanislaus School, Bandra, held its Diamond Jubilee Athletic Sports on its school-ground. Dr. P. A. Dias, Mayor of Bandra, presided, and distributed the prizes.

A big programme of about 34 items was gone through, and every one of them was keenly contested.

On the same day, the St. Andrews Ex-Students' Association held its annual social function.

Dancing continued to the very early hours of the morning.

BEGGARS IN BANDRA

During the last one month, beggars have been on the increase to an alarming extent in Bandra.

During all the hours of the day, one is confronted by beggars in nearly every corner of Bandra—they are found at bus halting places, the Railway station, the new Church front and at street corners throughout the town.

Most of the beggars, who are pestering the public are infected with dangerous diseases. Will the Bandra Municipality do something about this nuisance now?

FACILITIES FOR HAJIS

Telegram From Mecca To Ibn Saud's Agent In Bombay

The Bombay Agent of His Majesty King Ibn Saud has received from Mecca the following telegram dated 16th instant:—"Islami" arrived at Jeddah safely. Pilgrims are being well cared for. Local Government has reduced all dues by 10 per cent. on gold exchange rate. Reduction applies to all in-coming pilgrims. Prevailing prices of commodities all pre-war. Stocks are sufficient for the year. Perfect peace reigns throughout the kingdom. All facilities for ease and comfort of Hajee Akbar pilgrims are provided.

"FORWARD CAUSE OF FREEDOM"

Cripps' Message To Students' Federation

BOMBAY, Dec. 18.

Sir Stafford Cripps has sent the following message to the All-India Students' Federation to be held at Delhi by January next:—"I send my best greetings to the All-India Students' Federation Conference. I hope through their deliberations they may come to wise decision for helping forward the cause of freedom in their country. There lies before the people of India a great and difficult task to forge for themselves a new pre-democratic constitution. If success has to be achieved, each person must give unselfishly of his best to attain this end."—United Press.

44 CASES OF SMUGGLING

The Divisional Officer of the Central Board of Prohibition Volunteers, writes:—

Since the inauguration of Prohibition 44 cases of smuggling of 'charas, 'ganja' and liquor were reported to the Headquarters by the Prohibition Guards of the 'A' Division. The Police records show that so far 11 cases out of the 44 have been successful.

During the week ending 16th Dec. 1939 two Sub-Divisional officers and some Guards were successful in catching two persons for possession of 'charas' and liquor with the help of the police.

Seva Sadan Society

The 31st annual general meeting of the Seva Sadan Society was held on Monday evening at the Society's premises, Mrs. D. N. Sirur presiding.

The accounts of the year 1938-'39 were adopted.

The scope of the activities of this institution includes many branches of Educational work like Primary training classes, First Aid, Home Nursing and mother craft classes. They are also conducting a Practising School and are periodically holding "Culture Classes" for general enlightenment. It also has an industrial section, the object of which is to help poor women so that they might earn a living and at the same time educate themselves in Home Industries.

An appeal was made at the meeting for public help.

P. N. Roy's Gift For Hindu Shrine Reformation

(From A Correspondent).

Kumar Pramatha Nath Roychowdhury of Bhagyakul (Bengal) has donated Rs. 25,000 towards the "Hindu Shrine Reformation" activities of the Bharat Sevashram Sangha, for the constructions of "Free Pilgrim Homes" in the premier Hindu Shrines of India.

Alva Acquitted

The case filed for insult against Mr. Joachim Alva Advocate, by one Mr. Wilfred Hastings King describing himself an import and export businessman, had an abrupt end on Friday in the Court of Mr. I. S. Hajl.

Mr. King appeared in Court and stated that he withdrew both his complaints of insult and defamation, whereupon the Magistrate acquitted Mr. Alva.

OBJECT OF CHEAP GRAIN SHOPS

S. R. Davar Explains Bombay Millowners' Move

The 3rd quarterly meeting of the Bombay Share-holders' Association was held on Monday at the Association's premises. Prof. Sohrab R. Davar presided.

In his presidential address he referred to the proposed acquisition by Scindia Steam Navigation Co., of the Managing Agency of Bombay Steam Navigation Co., the effect of war on the textile industry, price control and the opening of cheap grain shops by mill-owners.

He referred to the scheme before the shareholders of the Bombay Steam Navigation Co., under which its agency is to be acquired by the Scindia Steam on various terms and conditions. There was one aspect of the question which struck him as important, which was that the Scindia Steam in order to protect its own interests might stop shipping lines of Bombay Steam in some of the ports, where the Scindia Steam were doing business.

TEXTILES LOOK UP.

The war conditions, he considered had come to the rescue of the cotton Textile industry of the province. In Bombay alone the Mills were able to absorb 12,000 operatives, as also to resume night-shift in many cases. It was estimated that during September and October alone there was a jump of 50 per cent. over previous months' figures. This was the golden opportunity for the mill-owners to "take time by the forelock" and supply the entire Indian demand for piece-goods. The abolition of the Sales Tax and Option Dealing in Cotton had also helped in bringing about this desirable result.

OBJECT OF CHEAP GRAIN SHOPS.

Referring to the question of price-control Prof. Davar hoped that the control would be effected without delay. He also expressed pleasure at the proposed opening of cheap grain shops by mill-owners, as this would eliminate the need to give increased wages to workers on account of war-conditions.

He called this "taking the wind ou of the sails of the so-called Labour leaders, who are mostly outsiders and have never worked in the mills before".

BOMBAY GOVT.'S SCARCITY RELIEF MEASURES

11 Lakhs Provided During Current Year

The total amount spent by the Government of Bombay for scarcity relief during the present financial year, it is understood, is in the vicinity of 11 lakhs of rupees, out of which 6 lakhs were advanced as 'tagai,' 4 lakhs set apart as relief works and about a lakh given for gratuitous relief and other direct expenditure on scarcity measures.

It may be remembered that owing to inordinate delay in rainfall as also due to irregular monsoon, some of the areas in Gujarat and other places were affected. But the situation in these areas improved later due to a heavy though a delayed monsoon.

The members of the Women's sub-committee of the National Planning Committee were entertained at a tea party at Town Hall on Saturday last by the Bombay Presidency Women's Council. A group taken on the occasion, Mrs. Manecklal Premchand and Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit are seen on the right.

AROUND THE COURTS

WORLY MURDER MYSTERY

Once more the mystery of a dead body found in a Trunk is baffling the City Police.

The trunk was found lying on the Worli sea Face on Sunday morning upto one p.m. today the body was lying at the morgue, unidentified.

The body of the dead man is dark, sunken, undersized, and well past the prime of youth.

In the absence of any person to identify the body the City Coroner adjourned the inquest to December 21.

LATER.

The body found on Sunday at Worli Sea-face in a trunk was identified on Monday to be that of one Shanker Bala, a Cotton-broker.

ARREST OF ALLEGED GAMBLERS

Bhogilal Lakdawala was arrested in dramatic circumstances on Saturday by officers of the Anti-Gambling Squad.

Sub-Inspector A. H. Ismail Ali with members of the Panch entered the room and put every one there under arrest.

Names of the accused are:—(1) Bhogilal Sarupchand (2) Narayan Shivji, (3) Permanandas Haridas Desai, (4) Chandulal Himatlal, (5) Maganlal Haribhai Desai (6) Tribhovandas Mohandas, (7) Kekubad Mekuji.

All the accused were placed today before Mr. I. S. Haji Sixth Presidency Magistrate, Mazagaon Police Court, and remanded for further investigations till 22nd instant. All are on bail.

FIRE HAVOC: 6 PERSONS SCALDED

BOMBAY, Monday.

Four motor cars were reduced to scrap metal and six persons were injured, by a fire which broke out in the premises of the Swiss Engineering Company, behind the Roxy Cinema, this morning.

The fire was the result of the bursting of the petrol tank of a car which was being cleaned and painted.

The fire was, however, extinguished within half an hour.

Five of the injured persons were removed to the J. J. Hospital one is stated to be in a precarious condition.

The damage is estimated to be about Rs. 10,000.

INDIAN BUSINESSMAN'S CAR CONFISCATED

A stern warning to intending bootleggers is implicit in the case of an Indian Bombay businessman said to be connected with a well-known Company who had his car confiscated and was fined Rs. 100 by a Thana Magistrate for smuggling two bottles of country liquor in it while motoring to Bombay.

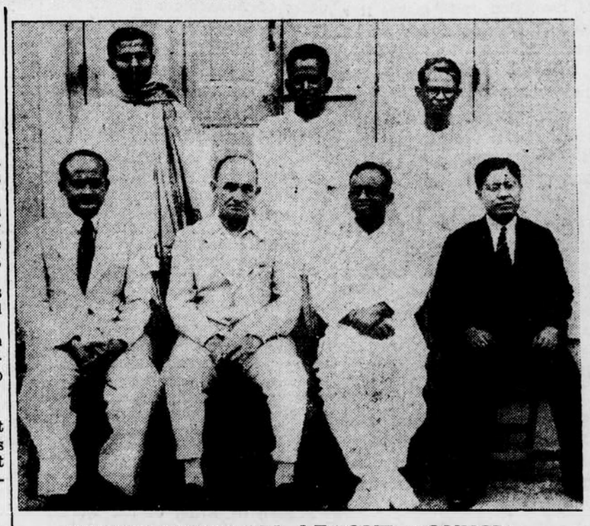
It appears that the car had a secret receptacle, something like a battery box, for carrying liquor and there was evidence to raise the presumption that the smuggling was deliberate.

GRAIN MERCHANT ACQUITTED

Remarking that the prosecution had failed to bring home the guilt of the accused, the Presidency Magistrate, Third Court acquitted Mohanlal Jeenabhai, a dealer in grains and provisions at Bhuleshwar, of a charge of having contravened Rule 81 of the Defence of India Ordinance.

A verdict of accidental death due to severe burns sustained from a coal sighri was recorded by the Coroner at the inquest on the body of Savitubai, aged 16, residing at Mount Road, Mazagaon.

The deceased's sari came in contact with flames while cooking food on a coal sighri and she sustained severe burns. She died on Sunday last.



INDIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE COUNCIL
Sitting (L. to R.): Mr. R. C. Burman, Mr. D. Moir (Vice-President and President of W.I.F.A. and A.I.F.F.), Mr. J. C. Maitra (President) and Mr. S. C. Das Gupta (Hon. Secretary).
Standing: Messrs. B. C. Chakravarty, A. K. Das Gupta and D. N. Dey.

APPEAL IN DACOIT'S CASE ADMITTED

The Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Sen at the High Court admitted the appeal of Takhatsingh Samatsingh Thakore of Panar who was sentenced by the Additional Sessions Judge of Ahmedabad to five years' R. I.

In the lower court there were five other persons involved in the case. It was alleged that the first and sixth accused attacked one Natvar, a grain merchant of Ahmedabad, and his servant and relieved the latter of some cash which was in his possession.

The first accused was alleged to have fired three shots at the time. During the encounter, one of the gang was alleged to have stabbed the servant who died subsequently.

In connection with the incident the appellant along with the five others was charged with conspiracy to commit dacoity.

The appellant's defence was that taking advantage of his presence in Ahmedabad at the time of the offence, the prosecution had falsely involved him in the case.

DEATH SENTENCE CONFIRMED

The Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Sen at the High Court confirmed the sentence of death passed by the Sessions Judge of Dhulia on Sampat Jethya Bill, for the murder of his wife.

The murder was a sequel to the constant quarrels between the couple.

A.-I. STUDENTS' FEDERATION

Subhas Bose To Preside Over Delhi Conference

BOMBAY, Dec. 18.

Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose has been elected President of the All-India Students' Federation to be held at Delhi by January next.

Mr. Bose has agreed to preside over the Federation Conference.—United Press.

STATES' WORKERS MEET JAWAHAR

Statement On Bombay Talks To Be Issued

The Secretary, All-India States' Peoples' Conference, writes:—

Under instructions from Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, President All-India States' People's Conference a meeting of the Standing Committee of the Conference was announced for the last week of December. Dates will be announced later. But Panditji on arrival here found it impossible to have any such meeting on account of his crowded programme and uncertain movements. He, however, availing himself of his presence in the city desired to meet such members as were present in Bombay and discuss various problems regarding the States and the conditions obtaining in the various States.

Accordingly the members present here and some other workers met Panditji on December 16 at his residence at Carmichael Road.

Panditji discussed with them for over an hour the present conditions in the States. Kathiawar States and Limbdi in particular, as lawless Limbdi, the new publication of the Conference came in for discussion were dealt with at length.

Mr. Sabhai, representative of the Bhopal State People's Conference explained at length the situation existing in Bhopal.

Panditji discussed with the workers present how to deal with the varying conditions. Panditji hopes to issue a statement shortly.

ALL-INDIA EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE EXHIBITION

The Reception Committee of the All-India Educational Conference has decided to organise an educational exhibition.

Teachers' organisations and educational institutions are invited to send maps, charts, diagrams, manuscripts, models, appliances, handwork, paintings, drawings and sketches, educational aids and educational handicrafts. The Exhibition will contain the following sections: (1) Infant and Primary Education. (2) Secondary Education. (3) University Education. (4) Vocational Education. (5) Physical and Health Education. (6) Recent tendencies in Education. (7) Education of Defectives. (8) Basic Education. (9) Hobbies. (10) Educational Methods. (11) Visual Education. (12) Teaching Aids. (13) Adult Education. (14) Experimental Psychology.

All information regarding Board and Lodging may be had from Mr. A. J. Shaw, M.A., L.T., Warden, O. C. Hostel, Lucknow Christian College.

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WANTED EMBARGO ON FODDER

Bombay Milk Merchants' Demands

Seth Abboobakar Begmahomed Stable, and other milk merchants have submitted a memorial to the Under Secretary to Government of Bombay calling attention to their grievances in respect of fodder and grain.

They suggest:—1. That an immediate embargo be placed on the diversion of fodder to scarcity areas, as no sooner this is done the fodder merchants by themselves will lower down the prices of fodder in Bombay. 2. That the prices of pulse and other grains, etc. used for feeding cattle should be fixed on the level of the prices ruling under usual normal conditions and heavy penalty should be provided for those who contravene the rules governing the prices to be charged.

No Relaxation Of Ban On Liquor During Christmas

Enquiries in authoritative quarters show that there is no truth in the reports appearing in a section of the Gujarati press that the Government of Bombay has decided to allow unrestricted sale of liquor in certain hotels during the Christmas holidays. In no circumstances will the prohibition rules be relaxed during the week's festivity. On the other hand steps will be taken to tighten up the vigilance work.

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ANTI-CONGRESS TACTICS

The Congress Working Committee, which is now meeting at Wardha, would ordinarily have discussed only the dispute between India and Britain in connection with the war. But Mr Jinnah has succeeded, at least for the time being, in giving an unfortunate turn to the political situation in the country, and in concentrating everybody's attention on the communal problem which, owing to his tactics, has assumed a most disconcerting form. As if determined to prevent any constitutional advance except on his tterms, he started his campaign by declaring that democracy had failed in India and she was not fit for representative government. But realising that a purely political slogan would not quite suit his intentions he called upon Muslims to celebrate a "Day of Deliverance.' But also realising soon enough that the Viceroy and the Governors would not reverse Congress policy deliverance from which was to be celebrated, he started his next move of demanding a Royal Commission virtually to impeach the Congress ministries and the Governors concerned. Finding, however, that even his own followers and several eminent Muslim leaders strongly condemned his proposal of 'Day of Deliverance' as being calculated to widen the gulf between Hindus and the Muslims, he is now seeking to give his proposed demonstrations a non-communal political turn.

New Allies

In his latest statement Mr. Jinnah naively states that "the functions on December 22 are not Muslim functions directed against their Hindu fellowmen as a community but a condemnation, pure and simple, of the regime of the Congress cause," and he, therefore, "invites all who support this attitude to join and participate in our meetings.'" It will be some relief, indeed if the proposed functions take a purely political turn, as some dispute between the Congress and the anti-Congress groups. But Mr. Jinnah's first appeal was purely communal. It urged the Mussalmans all over India to condemn the "anti-Muslim policy" of the Congress Ministry," which had "done its best to flout Muslim opinion, to destroy Muslim culture and interfered with their religious and social life and trampled upon their economic and political rights." Mr. Jinnah also urged Muslims .. put on record that "in matters of difference and disputes the Congress Ministry invariably have sided with, supported and advanced the cause of the Hindus in total disregard and to the prejudice of Muslim interests." This being the originally intended scope of the functions of the 22nd, we cannot believe that the non-Congress Hindus who care for consistency would join in recording the above opinion that the Congress has always favoured the Hindus as against the Muslims. If Mr. Jinnah has in mind the Hindu Mahasabhaites, they have always complained that the Congress has too much pampered the Muslims and has neglected the interests of the Hindus. However, if now at least Mr. Jinnah alters his proposed resolution and makes it a thoroughly non-communal protest in which Hindus and Muslims join, in mosques or elsewhere, we would welcome the change so far as it goes, though we cannot support the protest against the Congress. Expression of political opinion even of a purely communal character ought not to be restricted except when it is likely to incite people to violence or communal hatred. All that is necessary is to take due precautions to see that the demonstrations pass off peacefully.

Week-Kneed Plea

The Viceroy could have done much to relieve the tension by stating what he thinks of the charges brought against Congress Ministries and the Governors concerned. This was particularly his duty because he had been asked by Mr. Jinnah to do justice with regard to his grievances. But though in his address to the Associated Chamber of Commerce he spoke quite a lot on various topics, he kept mum on this vital-point, on the weak-kneed plea that this was one of those occasions when "silence about constitutional developments is better than speech." But Mr. Jinnah's charges are regarding administration and are directed against Governors and Congress Ministries alike. It is unfair on the part of the Viceroy, not to say what he thinks of the charges submitted to him. He expresses deep anxiety for communal unity and makes out that it is only for lack of it that constitutional advance is held up. But what avails more anxiety when he deliberately refrains from speaking the very words that must clarify the air now made foul by irresponsible charges? And if communal unity alone stands in the way of Indian freedom, why do not the British Government bind themselves to concede India's freedom if a united demand is made for it? The present conduct of the Viceroy and the British Government shows that that itself stands very much in the way of communal unity. We have no doubt the Congress Working Committee will give a fitting reply to the tactics of the Government and Mr. Jinnah.

Unimpressive

The all too brief eleventh session of the All-India Industries Conference held at Mysore was not as comprehensive in its scope as it deserved to be at a time when owing to war conditions there is a vast and urgent need for planned industry on a wide scale. The President, Sir A. Ramaswamy Mudaliar, Commerce Member of the Government of India, did refer to the "wide expectation among the general public that there would be a spur to industrial development" and gave a vague assurance that "within the proper limits the Government of India would be prepared, in pursuance of its general policy of helping and protecting indigenous industries, to do their best.' If the old general policy, of which Ottawa Pacts are an integral part is to be continued, it will hardly enthuse Indian businessmen or the Indian public in general.

Coming to particular industries and referring to the lack of essential drugs created by the war, the Commerce Member said that "it was tragic to contemplate that human life may not be safe so far as human efforts were concerned due to lack of more essential drugs." And he referred to the Government's decision to appoint a Committee to investigate the production of drugs and how best shortages could be made up.' It is certainly tragic to find anyone starting digging a well when the house is on fire. But it is more tragic to find that even now Government are not prompt enough to seize the industrial opportunities created by the war It is more tragic still to imagine, from past experience what they will do—or rather fail to do—after Britain's war needs are ended.

Italy's Policy Of Neutrality

By OBSERVATEUR

In an article recently published in these columns, I have indicated that passionate desire for peace in Italy is one of the natural consequences of the Italian expansionist and interventionist policy culminating, after the conquest of Abyssinia and Albania, in the so-called 'iron-pact' of military collaboration with Nazi Germany. During the last few months, this feeling of fear verging on panic as well as widespread discontent and economic misery caused to the Italians of all classes have been intensified in an alarming manner and the Duce, always sensitive to the pressure of popular sentiment, is evidently trying to steer clear of a situation that could only spell disaster to his dictatorship.

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Signor Nicolas Ferreti, some time ago, presented the clearest evidence of the extent of the discontent existing in Italy amongst all classes. Citing the figures of increasing deficit that each year of the Duce's military adventures has brought, he points out that the huge profits of the armaments —programme, while lowering the standard of living of the Italian people, have accrued to big trusts like 'Montecatini,' 'Breada, 'Snia-Viscosa,' 'Terni,' and 'Edison' since 1935. The first of these trusts alone has, during the four years of war, a colossal profit amounting to 400 per cent. of the capital investment for the year 1935! New families of millionaires have been established.

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Ferreti, in his statement has furnished the details of the demonstrations held in the different parts of the country, particularly in the most important centres of industrial production—open protests that the regime of the O.V.R.A. (not to mention the Gestapo) and the Special Tribunal could not prevent from being expressed. The extent of the wide-spread discontent amongst agricultural workers as well as the workers in the factories could well be judged when it is remembered that at Milan alone according to a confidential document the secret police had to post 175 'informants' and 880 'political observers' in the factories. Sabotage, the evidence of which was noticeable even during the Spanish civil war, is one of the forms of the workers' protest which further, is strengthened through the organization of syndicates established by the Italian fascist party.

The Italian working class is exploiting the organizations that the Duce cannot possibly suppress, and the people who take part in the demonstrations against what they regard as a ruinous policy of foreign adventurism are composed not of old social-syndicalist elements but the fascist heroes of the Abyssinian and Spanish campaigns, their wives and mothers. These men and women are the loudest in their adherence to the fascist ideology so that it is not possible for the Duce's dictatorship and the police to brand them as "Communists and traitors to the country. On the contrary, they are raising a lusty cry against those who have ruined Italy and who could, through the policy of Berlin-Rome Axis only complete total destruction of the Italian nation and people.

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This situation should explain why or how the Duce has been compelled to change his tactics. To the students of the Mediterranean policy, the movement of what Elizabeth Monroe describes as the swing of the treaty-breach-treaty pendulum would be found patterned in the Italian 'neutrality'—a neutrality that promises better and more certain advantages, purely on the bargaining basis, for the Mediterranean policy of Italy.

The Duce, in the closest collaboration of the Vatican diplomacy, is trying to recapture the position he held on the eve of Munich. The annual military exercises in the Po valley were a washout—by arrangement. The Dodacanese are dismantled. The war paint has been hurriedly scraped off. The 'protector of Islam' appears to have emerged like Nietzsche's Zarathustra from his contemplation in the hills. The bellicose slogans of yesterday sound to-day as scandalous and 'demodes' as last year's fashions in famine dress even in imperial Rome.... After all, Italy has much to gain through the neo Ducean policy of peace—and neutrality.

The War Goes On!

Not So Quiet, After All!

(By Our Special Correspondent)

"All Quiet On The Western Front"—no more! Even the usually tame official bulletins are beginning to speak of more serious action than "reconnaissance flights" and ' 'contact between patrol elements." The German forces, during the last week, have been repeatedly assuming the offensive and their "reconnoitring" activity is more and more being turned into raids.

Throughout the week, it appears, Allied and German reconnoitring detachments were coming to grips in the "No Man's land," particularly in the Vosges district where the frontier line runs through a forest.

Shape Of Things To Come?

On Saturday a more determined effort was made by a German Company to take a French advance post. Perhaps taking the French by surprise the German force forced the entrance to the post and took two prisoners. The French, however, replied with equal vigour and drove out the enemy, the two prisoners also managing to escape. Simultaneously there were artillery and infantry actions all along the Front. These may not develop into a major engagement just yet but things have clearly started moving in that area and we may soon expect some lively developments.

The Raider's Suicide

The whole of the last week, world attention was focussed on Montevideo, Uruguay, near which the German pocket battleship, "Admiral Graf Spee" was cornered by British cruisers and finally had to scuttle itself. Daring and ruthless, the exploits of this raider recalled the memories of the buccaneering "Emden" during the last war. The end of "Graf Spee" leaves only five pocket battleships with Germany, only two others of which are said to be loose on the High Seas—one in North Atlantic and the other, presumably somewhere in the Indian Ocean The Allied and Neutral merchantmen plying between Europe and South America should now feel comparatively secure.

The "Graf Spee" provided the second most important naval battle of this war. In the first one, the unarmoured converted P. & O Liner 'Rawalpindi" was destroyed by the German pocket battleship, "Deutschland."

Menace Of The Mines

The German mines continue to take a heavy and tragic toll. Six officers and 12? men lost their lives when the British destroyer "Duchess" was sunk. Several British tankers, trawlers and smaller craft have also been victims of the menace of the seas. Almost the same number of Neutrals ships have been destroyed by the "blind" mines which work havoc without discrimination. The loss of as many as three Neutral ships were reported sunk in a single day.

It is noteworthy that the submarines are not much heard of these days and the German navy seems to be concentrating on sowing the mines.

Finland Fights On

The fight goes on in Finland. It is difficult to get at the exact situation, so contradictory are the claims of the rival parties. While the Russians claim the capture of Finnish villages, the Finns hold that 5,000 Russians lie dead before the Manerheim Line which, according to them, has not yet been pierced. A large number of Soviet tanks are said to have been taken and several villages recaptured. Even a Soviet destroyer is believed to have been sunk by a coastal battery.

It is possible that the details of the Finnish resistance are somewhat exaggerated. But the fact remains that Finland is far from being conquered, that the Soviet army has failed to take a single important town and that, whatever the ultimate result and whatever the past sins of the Finns (no pun intended) they are fighting bravely and doggedly for every inch of their territory against a definitely superior force.

Frankly Speaking

Hungary Resists

Hungary has lately been warning all concerned that she more or less enjoyed the protection of her powerful friend Italy. This warning was given, it should be noted, during trade talks with Germany. The conclusion is obvious: the Nazis desired to reduce Hungary to the position of their vassal, a position to which the Hungarians objected. Hungary's own resistance, re-inforced by Count Ciano himself, seems to have succeeded. For all that the Nazi economic offensive has actually achieved is that the German-Hungarian agreement which expires on December 31 has been prolonged by two months. In other words the Nazis have failed to secure any improvement in the *status quo* and thus received a sharp check in their economic drive towards the South-East.

"Ignominious"?

The "Admiral Graf Spee" is dead at last. Her end was inevitable. Badly battered in a severe battle in which victory went to the British who well deserved it, she had perforce to take temporary refuge in Montevideo. It was obvious from the very beginning that she could not possibly run the gauntlet of the strong force that was waiting for her outside. There were only two alternatives: suicide or surrender. She chose the better one. In this connection it is regrettable to note that the sense of relief from the depredations of a dangerous raider has led the British Press to indulge in cheap jibes. The "Graf Spee" deserved some magnanimous tribute and not characterisation of her end as ignominious. It was far from it. It showed rather patriotic courage For, it is quite likely that her commander—whose fate is yet unknown—preferred self-destruction to discovery of mechanical and engineering secrets which may have been of great value to his enemies.

Finnish Resistance

The Finns have been fighting against almost impossible odds with marvellous gallantry. And they have also been scoring successes which must have rudely shocked and surprised M. Stalin himself But, of course, they cannot force even a stalemate much less secure victory in the utterly unequal struggle. In fact, their resistance is already weakening as a recent report says:

"In the north, the Russians are making headway in their attempt to cut the country in two. At least two Russian columns are active with this im in view, and the opinion in Paris is that they will be dangerous to future Finnish defence if they continue to make the present headway."

A later report from Moscow suggests that this headway continues. If this is correct, the Finns can not hold out longer than a few weeks—unless they accomplish a miracle as did the Spanish republicans at a certain stage in the tragic civil war.

Discard The Purdah

Referring to the fact that at the last convocation of the Aligarh University nine veiled Muslim women received their degrees, the Nawab of Bhopal stated in his address that this was the first occasion on which Muslim women in purdah had received degrees. It is a pity that such an occasion did not come earlier and that the pardah, which is responsible for the extreme seclusion and the consequent educational backwardness of Muslim women, is still found necessary even by women graduates. But it is encouraging to note that, despite the handicap of the purdah, Muslim women are coming to the fore in higher education. We sincerely congratulate the nine women graduates of Aligarh and hope there will soon be many more women graduates in the University, but all unveiled.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

As a woman's beauty fades her brains come to the front.

If you can't marry the one you love try to love the one you marry.

A woman never knows what she really thinks of a man until she gets a divorce from him.

The individual who spends his time telling what he is going to do after he gets there, always fails to arrive.

The woman who shows her teeth and smiles will attain her object much quicker than the one who shows her teeth and growls.

It is said that all the mean acts of his life are quickly brought before a drowning man. The same might be said of a candidate for office.

TÊTE-À-TÊTE

WITHOUT COMMENT

"There are times when silence about Constitutional developments is better than speech and in my judgment this is one of them", observed the Viceroy in the course of his speech at the opening of the annual meeting of he Associated Chamber of Commerce of India at Calcutta.

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Pending materialisation of our demand (made yesterday) for a Royal Commission to sit on Pandit Jawaharlal's forgery, we are interested to find that Mr. Haq (literally the word means truth) has decisively settled the main controversy by proclaiming that the allegations which he proposed to investigate along with Jawaharlal are all correct and proved.

And in our opinion Jawaharlal deserves his "coup de grace" for continually gadding and nagging the Honourable Maulvi Truth while he, the Honourable Maulvi, was so busy suffering from lumbago, receiving the new Governor and collecting material for an open-minded inquiry.

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Mr. M. A. Jinnah is slowly backing out—sorry, we mean he is rapidly going forward. His "Day of Deliverance" is not to be a communal but a national protest by all anti-Congress elements, whom he very cordially invites to attend the functions.

And we are glad to note that the very cordial invitation has been very cordially accepted by Rao Bahadur S. K. Bole on behalf of the Bombay Provincial Hindu Mahasabha.

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Whereat we beg to offer both Mr. Jinnah and Mr. Bole our hearty congratulations and profoundest gratitude.

Their mutual brotherly collaboration is going to clarify so many murky issues.

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FOREIGN LEGION IN FINLAND

Brilons From India

—Anglo-Indian Headlines.

Splendid, say we in a spirit of further hopefulness.

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There is a report that Russia and Germany will shortly engage in a race for seizing Sweden's mines.

In regard to the first half of this report is concerned we have our doubts however.

So far we have not even begun to be informed of Russia's urgent need for strategic station in Sweden or of Swedish intrigues against Russian security.

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The 'Admiral Graf Spee' has elected to scuttle herself rather than be interned in Montevideo for the duration of the war.

But you mustn't think that it is a case of suicide while of unsound mind.

It is part of the Fuehrer's plan to leave nothing to his successors when he disappears.

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We, however, agree with the British press also, according to which the end of the "Graf Spee" was ignoble.

The ship should have shown gallantry and sportsmanship by surrendering herself.

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"British circles" are reported to be studying Count Ciano's speech with great interest.

So is Hitler.

And Comrade Stalin is watching both with great interest.

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"London, December 17.

The "Sanyo Maru" was released from the contraband control base after a stay of 24 hours."—Reuter.

We appreciate the omission in the report.

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The car swerved across the street, mounted the pavement, and crashed into the window of a big shop.

The driver, a young and pretty girl, climbed out of her seat to be questioned by the police sergeant.

"Surely", said the limb of the law, sternly, "surely on a wide road like this you could have done something to avoid an accident?"

"Oh, but I did!" said she. "I screamed as loudly as I could."

Stormy Scenes In Bengal Assembly

Huq Charges Congress With Dishonesty

Bengal Assembly Passes War Resolution

BUT FINANCE MINISTER REFUSES TO SUBSCRIBE TO MINORITIES' CLAIM TO IMPEDE POLITICAL ADVANCE

A passage of arms between Ex-Minister Nausher Ali and the Speaker as well as protests against Premier Fazlul Huq's charge of dishonesty against the Indian National Congress marked the debate in the Bengal Assembly on Monday on Government's war resolution which was carried by 142 against 82 votes.

The Hon. Mr. Nalini Rajan Sarkar, Finance Minister, was the only member of the House to remain neutral.

All the amendments to the resolution were rejected without division.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 18.

The following is the text of the War resolution carried in the Bengal Assembly:—

"The Assembly associates itself with the world-wide abhorrence of the aggressive and ruthless methods pursued by Totalitarian Government in Europe, and declares its complete sympathy with the British Government for taking up arms against Nazi Germany in defence of democracy, and of the right of self-determination of the smaller and weaker nations, which are now at the mercy of a few powerful and aggressive dictator-ridden States and cannot unaided maintain their territorial integrity.

"This Assembly, therefore, authorises the Government to assure the Government of India full co-operation in the successful prosecution of the war.

"This Assembly further authorises the Government to convey to His Majesty's Government its opinion that in consonance with the aims of the present war, as declared by that Government and understood by India, and consistent with the accepted ideal of the British Empire as a Commonwealth of free nations, the attainment by India of the Status of a Dominion as defined in the Statute of Westminster, which is the declared policy of the British Government, should be implemented immediately on the termination of the war, and the new constitution should be formulated providing sufficient and effective safeguards for recognised minorities and interests based on their full consent and approval."

SARKAR'S STAND

The Hon. Mr. N. R. Sarkar, Finance Minister, accorded support to the first two paragraphs of the resolution condemning Nazi aggression in Europe and offering full co-operation to His Majesty's Government through the India Government in the successful prosecution of the war, but opposed the third paragraph saying that he could not accept the proposition that the minorities should have a permanent right to hold up the political progress of the country. He remained neutral at the time of voting.

Participating in the debate Mr. Nausher Ali, Ex-Minister, characterised the third part of the Government resolution as the ugliest part of it. He thought that there was no real communal problem among the masses, but this problem, according to him, had been manufactured by the henchmen of British Imperialism to perpetuate their hold on India.

SPEAKER ON TIME-LIMIT

Mr. Nausher Ali continued his speech after the time limit had expired, when the Speaker warned him, but he flared up and remarked: "The Government is gagging us outside the House and you, Mr. Speaker, are gagging us inside it."

The Speaker took strong exception to this reflection on the Chair and asked Mr. Nausher Ali to withdraw his observations failing which he would ask the House to consider the position. This Mr. Nausher Ali declined to do even at the risk of expulsion. The Speaker then said that he did not want that the course of an important debate like this should be diverted by an extraneous incident and he would later consider what action he might take against Mr. Nausher Ali for his remarks.

Mr. W. A. Walker, Leader of the European Group, expressed support of his Party to the Government resolution.

NO BARGAINING SPIRIT

Mr. T. C. Goswami (Congress) emphatically repudiated the assertion that there was a spirit of bargaining spirit in the commercial sense of the term in India's demanding an assurance about her political status. India, he pointed out, wanted this assurance from Great Britain so that she might be able to take an effective part in the prosecution of the war.

Mr. Goswami pointed out that they did not want to ignore the minorities but on the contrary accepted them. They, however, knew that minorities were sometimes manufactured and created. He would like to tell the House that if India was given an opportunity to meet in a Constituent Assembly it was perfectly certain that inspite of initial troubles and difficulties, they would come to a conclusion which would be satisfactory to India and also helpful to the British Commonwealth of Nations.

HUQ'S CHARGE AGAINST CONGRESS.

Winding up the debate on the war resolution, the Hon. Mr. Fazlul Huq said that in the future constitution of India the interests of minorities had got to be adequately safeguarded. The Premier emphatically declared that if a contingency arose in which the minorities were unable to accept a constitution and they considered it insufficient for their protection, then the political problem of the country must be held up till the majority recognised their duties towards the minorities.

Continuing Mr. Fazlul Huq said: "It is the majority—the Indian National Congress—which stood in the way of India's political advance. They are a selfish lot and they are dishonest. I call them dishonest."

APPEAL TO SPEAKER.

At this stage the Congress benches demanded withdrawal of the remarks made by the Premier, and Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose, Leader of the Opposition, asked the Speaker to rule if the Premier was in order in charging the Congress with dishonesty.

The Speaker said he was not sure whether the word "dishonest" was unparliamentary, but promised to look into the matter.

CALL TO OBSERVE "JINNAH'S BIRTHDAY"

Several resolutions were passed by the Committee of the Bombay Provincial Muslim League, which met in Bombay on Sunday.

In one of the resolutions, it reiterated its condemnation of and protested against the Property-Tax imposed by the late Congress regime and urged upon His Excellency, the Governor to abolish the tax.

The second resolution requested the Sind Provincial Muslim League to send an authoritative and correct version of the Mazilgah issue and the occurrences that have taken place recently.

The Committee affirmed its confidence in Mr. Jinnah and expressed disgust and contempt at the statement recently issued by Mr. Abdul Rehman Siddiqui, a member of the All-India Muslim League Executive Committee wherein he had attacked Mr Jinnah and requested the Council of the All-India Muslim League to take necessary steps against Mr. Siddiqui.

It decided to celebrate the birthday of Mr. Jinnah on 25th December and requested the Secretary to send a circular to all district Leagues asking them to do so in a suitable manner and that he should also convene a public meeting under the auspices of the Bombay Provincial Muslim League in this connection.

N. R. SARKAR CENSURED

Bengal Ministerial Party's "No Confidence" In Finance Minister

CALCUTTA, Dec. 18.

Immediately after the war resolution was adopted in the Bengal Assembly this evening, the Ministerial Coalition Party held a meeting and, it is understood, adopted a resolution expressing no confidence in the Hon. Mr. N. R. Sarkar, the Finance Minister.

This is a sequel to Mr. Sarkar's speech on the resolution in the Assembly to-day, in the course of which he opposed the operative paragraph of the resolution, and his remaining neutral in the voting.

It will be recalled that while the resolution was being drafted by the Coalition Party, Mr. Sarkar voiced his opposition and reserved his right to dissent from it in the legislature. In the Upper House he made a speech to similar effect.

There was a great commotion in Coalition benches when Mr. Sarkar spoke to-day. It is understood that the Coalition wanted that Mr. Sarkar should not speak against the resolution, but should vote for it when a division was called for.—United Press.

MORE NAZI TECHNIQUE

BRUSSELS (NNS).—Although undoubtedly more stories of Nazi ruthlessness will be told than are actually true, as in all wars, the greatest credence must be placed in a story reported by William Tysz, a Polish Quaker, from Katowice, Upper Silesia, Poland, on August 27, and published in the London "Friend". Said William Tysz, "the other day we had a foreboding of war. In the dead of night, past 1-00 a.m. two explosions were heard in the town. One was two hundred yards away from where I am living. The Germas radio mistakably announced this outrage against a German school hall an hour before it actually happened."—N. F. N.

SOVIET ADVANCE

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gunners stationed on the road bordering the Front were suddenly attacked on the flank. It was impossible that Russian tanks could have avoided traversing Norwegian soil since the road was constantly watched.

The Soviet violation of Norwegian territory has already been denied by the Norwegian General Staff.—Reuter.

EARLIER CABLES

A Moscow Communique issued by the Leningrad District Command on Sunday claims that their troops had advanced to 46 miles south of Petsamo and have also reached a point 81 miles west of frontier in the Ukhta sector.

Heavy Losses In Russian Battalion

A Finnish communique of Sunday states that the advance continues slowly on the Talvajaervi front. All Soviet attacks on the Karelian Isthmus were repulsed and heavy losses inflicted on two Russian battalions in Loimola district.

It is semi-officially announced that 176 Russian tanks have been destroyed or captured since the war began.—Reuter.

FINLAND CRIES FOR WORLD SUPPORT

HELSINKI, Dec. 17.

Another appeal to the world for help was made by President Kallio in a broadcast talk to the Finnish army.

After greeting the "defenders of our independence" the President said that they needed more active help than they had hitherto obtained.

As their cause was the joint cause of the whole civilised world, they believed that civilised nations could not leave them to fight alone on this front.

"We do not deny that nearest to our hearts are our own homes, land, culture and our whole social system in which we have become rooted and which are now threatened with destruction, but it is through these values that we have been able to contribute our share to the world's culture. Therefore we dare hope that these common cultural values and the principles of justice will also be commonly defended."

Madame Kallio also addressed the nation.

Rs. 2,000 were collected at Bahraich at a public meeting held under the presidentship of Mr. J. L. C. Stubbs, Deputy Commissioner, with a view to collecting Christmas gifts for soldiers and raising funds for the Red Cross Society.

German Planes On British Coast

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her crew while being pursued in the North Atlantic last month.

U-BOAT PRISONERS IN BRITAIN

For the fourth day in succession the War Office has issued a list of U-Boat officers and men who are prisoners in this country. To-day's list contains seven names.

The names of twelve U-Boat prisoners were announced last Wednesday and six each last Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

NAVAL BALANCE-SHEET

The total tonnage of British ships sunk between December 10 and December 15 is 22,727.

The total neutral tonnage during the same period is 20,244.

Two German vessels, captured during the same period totalled 7,920 tons.

During the first ten days of December, 1,100 vessels of an approximate tonnage of three million entered British ports.

During those ten days, ten ships were lost.

BRITISH MOTORSHIP SUNK

A call for assistance was received at an east coast port after a motorship had been sunk by a German plane about eight miles off the shore. The crew were picked up by a fishing-boat uninjured.

It transpires that two Nazi machines attacked with machine and then bombs. British machines drove off the attackers. People further along the coast said that one German machine was destroyed.

The British motorship which was machinegunned was the "Serenity" (244 tons).

Sanyo Maru's Cargo

According to the Ministry of Economic Warfare it was only necessary to verify that "Sanyo Maru's" cargo did not include any other goods of German origin not covered by Japanese guarantees.—Reuter.

Hundreds Watch Bombers Chased

LONDON, Dec. 17.

The air ministry announced that enemy aircraft appeared at several points off the east coast late in the afternoon.

Anti-aircraft guns fired for a short time in Humber district. The fighters engaged the enemy and pursued them out to the sea. No air raid warnings were sounded.

Heavy explosions of gunfire were heard off the north-east coast yesterday and a number of fishing vessels were in the direction when the gunfire appeared to come. There was great aerial activity over the coast and out at sea.

A German bomber chased by British 'planes and blazed at by shore batteries provided a spectacle to hundreds of people at an east coast town yesterday according to one eye-witness. The bomber eventually dived into the sea.

Air Ministry's Casualty List

An Air Ministry casualty list contains the names of three previously reported missing and now killed in action. Two missing are believed to have been killed, 20 were killed in active service, two missing are believed to have been killed in active service, 11 including two aircraft women died in active service, one is missing and one was wounded in action. The R.A.F. lists show 464 casualties since the war began.

More U. S. Planes For France

NEW YORK: France has ordered 650 more Curtis pursuit planes from American manufacturers according to the "New York Times." This makes about 3,800 planes contracted by European countries during the past eighteen months.—Reuter.

Empire Air Training Agreement

OTTAWA Dec. 17.

An Empire Air Training Agreement was signed to-day by Mr. Mackenzie King and Lord Riverdale, of the British Delegation to the Empire Air Training Conference.

Lord Riverdale also initialled the agreement on behalf of Australia and New Zealand. Details will be announced later.—Reuter.

WAR EFFORTS OF EMPIRE

Dominion Minister And Zafrullah Assure Co-operation

LONDON, Dec. 18.

At the conclusion of the talks between Dominion and United Kingdom Ministers to ensure that the full combined strength of the Empire shall be applied to the winning of the war, the visiting Ministers have issued farewell messages to the people of Britain.

Mr. Crerar, (Canada), says: "It has been a heartening experience to meet other representatives of the Empire. The closest co-operation in our war effort is now assured and we can go forward with greater confidence than ever to the successful issue of the conflict that lies before us."

END LAWLESSNESS

Mr. Fraser of New Zealand said that they were convinced that a halt must be called for international aggression and lawlessness and it was intended as long as this may be necessary to direct their main policy to that end.

Col. Reitz, (South Africa), says: "We, men of Dutch and British descent, come of liberty-loving forefathers and do not propose to hold aloof from the struggle upon the outcome of which our very existence depends. We stand squarely by Britain and France knowing that without them, we have no future, and by their side we need have no fear".

A separate message declaring India's loyal co-operation has already been issued by Sir Md. Zafrullah Khan.—Reuter.

JAPAN NOT OUT FOR DUMPING

Tokio Govt. Spokesman On Trade Talks With India

TOKYO, Dec. 16.

Declaring that the trade parleys between India and Japan are progressing smoothly and expressing gratification at the attitude of the Indian Government a Japanese Government spokesman said that the Japanese Government had been sincerely desirous of reaching a satisfactory agreement and entertained no thought whatever of wilfully dumping by taking advantage of the existence of the basic treaty after the protocol had become void.

The next Conference would be held early in January.—Reuter

JAPAN TO LIFT BAN ON YANGTSE NAVIGATION

TOKYO, Dec. 18.

Preparations are being made for raising the ban on navigation in the lower Yangtse River "now that military requirements calling for the closure of the area have become amenable to a gradual modification."—Reuter.

BRITISH MINISTER DETAINED IN GERMANY

MOSCOW, December 18.

Mr. Gordon Vereker, British Minister-Designate to Bolivia, is presumed to have been detained in Germany following interception by a German warship of the steamer in which he was travelling to England.

Mr. Vereker left Moscow, where he was counsellor to the embassy, ten days ago 'en route' to England from where he was to proceed to Bolivia.

At Tallinn he boarded an Estonian ship for Stockholm. The ship was intercepted and taken to Swinemunde where he was taken off. The ship is understood to have carried a large number of Polish refugees which is the probable reason for her interception.—Reuter

"RENOWN" & "ARK ROYAL" SAIL

RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec. 18.

"Renown" and "Ark Royal" have sailed. During their stay, 30,000 persons visited the ships. The crews remained aboard throughout.—Reuter.

NEWFOUNDLAND LOGGERS IN ENGLAND

LONDON, Dec. 18.

Three hundred Newfoundland loggers arrived in England this morning to be engaged in cutting pitprops. They are the first batch of this particular class of skilled labour to be imported.—Reuter.

X'MAS CARDS WITH AJANTA REPRODUCTIONS

Messrs. Nalini Printery, Jambulwadi, Princess Street, Bombay have prepared Christmas and New Year Cards the distinguishing features of which is their variety. These cards include some with coloured reproductions of Ajanta frescoes. These cards are sold by N. M. Tripathi and Company, Princess Street.

CONGRESS AND MINORITIES

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pected that Mahatma Gandhi will lay before the Committee his fighting programme for being placed before the Ramgarh session of the Indian National Congress.

CONGRESS AND MUSLIM LEAGUE CHARGES

WARDHAGANJ, Dec. 18.

The communal question with particular reference to Mr. Jinnah's call for observance of "Deliverance Day" on December 22, and his demand for a Royal Commission to investigate the charges made by the Muslim League against the Congress Ministries and the consequent decision of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru not to proceed with his projected talks with Mr. Jinnah overshadow the discussions at the meeting of the Congress Working Committee which commences to-day.

It is generally expected that the Committee will make a full statement on the communal question, setting forth in precise terms its attitude towards the minorities question. While it is too early to forecast the nature of this statement, it is pointed out here that enough has been said by influential members of the Committee to indicate the trend of feeling in the Committee.

With regard to Mr. Jinnah's call for observance of "Deliverance Day", and his demand for a Royal Commission, the Committee is expected to repudiate the charges brought against the Congress Ministries and renew in precise terms the Congress President's offer to submit these to an impartial judicial authority for investigation or in the alternative to await the results of the investigations by the Viceroy to whom Mr. Jinnah has already submitted these charges.

CHARTER OF MINORITY REPORTS

It is not thought by Congress leaders here that the present atmosphere leaves room for the Committee or for any members to proceed with any negotiations with the Muslim League with any chance of success and so without closing the door on such negotiations, the Committee is expected to make a comprehensive statement on its attitude towards the Minorities problem so that there might be no room, for misunderstanding on the question. It will be the Committee's task to decide what form this declaration should take.

The Committee also will review the political aspects of the present situation but it is not known at present if it will make any new pronouncement thereon in view of the fact that there has been no new development.

Political circles here look forward with interest to the visit of Sir Stafford Cripps. He will meet Mahatma Gandhi and also members of the Congress Working Committee.

Cripps' Wire To Jawaharlal

WARDHA, Dec. 18.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru has received a telegram from Sir Stafford Cripps intimating that he is arriving at Wardha to-morrow morning.

Sir Stafford will stay at Circuit House.—United Press.

Budding Khaksars Greet Nawab Of Bhopal

ALIGARH, December 16.

The sudden marching of 12 urchins dressed in Khaki with an address while H. H. the Nawab of Bhopal was leaving one of the University functions formed an interlude in the series of official functions in connection with the Nawab's visit to Aligarh.

His Highness was just about to leave the University Convocation "At Home" when a dozen youngsters clad in Khaki uniform suddenly marched up smartly and after lining up besides the Nawab's car one of them produced a sheet of paper from his trouser pocket and rapidly read out in Urdu an address to His Highness. His Highness stopped the car and after listening attentively to the address took the salute, which the youthful Commander then ordered. The youngsters, who are stated to be budding Khaksars, then stepped off with the precision of trained troops.

BHOPAL.—H.H. the Nawab of Bhopal and Party returned this afternoon from Aligarh.—A.P.

GIANT PANDA OF LONDON ZOO DEAD

LONDON, Dec 18.

Sung, one of the three specimens of Giant Panda owned by the London Zoo died to-day, following an undiagnosed illness for several weeks. Sung was worth over £1,000.—Reuter.

IN FOOTSTEPS OF S. AFRICA

Italian Racial Restrictions On Indians In Abyssinia

NEW DELHI, Dec. 17.

The condition of Indians in Italian East Africa, it is understood, continues to be the same as before, and much progress has not been made in regard to amelioration of their condition. There has not been any further development after the representations which were made at the instance of the Government of India in July last by the British Ambassador at Rome to the Italian Government with a view to securing removal of the restrictions at present imposed on Indians in Italian East Africa.

It may be recalled that, as a result of the promulgation by Italian authorities of the "Protection of the Race" Decrees, Indians in Ethiopia are subject to various disabilities. They are denied access to the European section of the post offices, to restaurants and cinemas. They are sometimes not allowed to travel in European taxis, and they cannot use the Diesel Car Service between Dire Dawa and Jibuti, which runs three times a week. Their movements are, therefore, confined to a weekly train service to Dire Dawa and Jibuti.

It is gathered that there are 250 Indians in Ethiopia, most of whom are merchants or artisans. —United Press.

'COMING OF AGE' DINNER

Many prominent citizens were present at the "Coming of Age" Dinner given by the Commerce Graduates' Association of Bombay on Monday night at the Taj Mahal Hotel. Sir Homi Mehta, presided and covers were laid for over 200 persons.

Proposing the toast of the Commerce Graduates' Association" Sir Homi Mody paid tribute to the work of the Association and the Sydenham College. He said that the Association fostered goodwill among its members and promoted their diverse interests.

Sir Homi Mody was happy to see that the Association had in its fold two cricketers of 'Test' fame.

The toast was responded to by Messrs. R. E. Kumana, N. J. Shah and F. H. Valibhoy in suitable terms.

Mr. Kumana wished for the day when a Commerce-Graduate held a Ministerial portfolio in a popular Government.

Mr. Jamnadas Mehta then proposing the toast of the Sydenham College said when the history of the Province was written the name of the Sydenham College would appear in golden letters.

Principal Merwanji J. Antia responding to the toast observed: We train our students not only to earn their livelihood but also to be useful and honourable citizens.

Mr. S. C. Mazumdar proposed the toast of the guests which was responded to by Messrs A. G. Gray, Francis Low and S. A. Brelvi.

Mr. E. G. Dastur proposed a toast to the President responding to which Sir Homi Mehta observed that the Sydenham College produced if not savants of Commerce at least graduates useful to the commercial concerns in the country. Sir Homi Mody quoted his own example as to how from a post of Rs. 25 he had by sheer dint of hard work and perseverance got to the top. He advised those graduates who were seeking employment not to be discouraged by a small start.

LONDON.—The Scottish Football Association, subject to Government permission, is starting Cup competition in February, embracing 38 League Clubs.—Reuter.

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"Model For German Sea Warfare"

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arguments lasting several hours with his Naval Chiefs and technical experts, "Reuter's" Special Correspondent in Amsterdam learns from Berlin.

The possibility of making a dash out of Montevideo with a skeleton crew was discussed at great length, but Naval experts said that the vessel on no account should fall into British hands. Much as it went against his grain, Herr Hitler was finally convinced that sinking was the only course.

It is now probable that a special Christmas Fund will be started throughout Germany to raise contributions to build a new "Graf Spee" "as a present to Herr Hitler from the grateful nation." Decorations will be showered on the Captain and crew of the "Graf Spee."

How Berlin Looks At It

According to the German News Agency opinion in Berlin political circles is that "the honour of German seamanship stands too high to make it necessary to defend it against the insults of the British press."

The press commenting upon the "Graf Spee's" career states that her task was to attack ocean trade routes and avoid hostile warships.

ROME NAVAL VIEW

"Incredible" was the exclamation of naval men in Rome when they heard of the scuttling of the "Graf Spee." They consider that it would have been a better move on the part of Berlin to submit to internment than to condemn a fine ship and a fine crew to ignominious suicide without a fight.

IN PARIS PRESS

Every newspaper in Paris reproduces photographs of Rear Admiral Harwood, the British cruisers and the battleship "Dunkerque" and the entire press celebrates the "Graf Spee's" disappearance from the seas.—Reuter.

"GRAF SPEE" COMMITS SUICIDE

The "Graf Spee" has been scuttled, says a message from New York.

The "Graf Spee" anchored and blew herself up when three miles off the Uruguayan Coast, presumably, after transferring the remainder of her crew to the German steamer "Tacoma."

Crippled in a historic battle with the British cruisers, she left harbour without a pilot on her last voyage at 9 p.m. (G.M.T.)

Before leaving she transferred 700 members of her crew and most of her stores to the "Tacoma."

Moving slowly down the harbour the "Graf Spee" increased her speed after clearing the harbour entrance and headed southward followed by the "Tacoma."

Finally steering south-east and flying the "Swastika" main and aft she passed out of sight. The dock was black with people watching her disappear with apathetic expression.

A boat from an Argentine Cruiser has picked up the Captain and Chief Officers of the "Graf Spee."

The "Graf Spee" disappeared under the waves at 11-7 p.m. (G.M.T.) Three loud-explosions had destroyed what remained of the battleship.

The "Tacoma" and two Argentine battleships were standing by.

For three minutes the battleship remained afloat following the explosion. She gave out great clouds of black smoke.

HINDRANCE TO PORT TRAFFIC.

THE "GRAF SPEE" WAS SUNK WHERE THE WATER IS ONLY 26 FEET DEEP. THE VESSEL WAS BLOWN UP IN THE MAIN ANCHORAGE AND THE WRECK WILL BE A SERIOUS HINDRANCE TO PORT TRAFFIC. GREAT INDIGNATION IS EXPRESSED HERE AT THIS.

The "Graf Spee" settled down, escaping fuel oil caught fire and enveloped her super-structure in flames. For some time an immense surface of the sea was illuminated. The fire burnt out at 9-26 p.m. when a little of the battleship was showing above water.

The dramatic effect of the flames was enhanced by constant explosions as the fire which also was burning under water reached the shells.

BUENOS AIRES:—Before the "Graf Spee" was destroyed five British navy 'planes flew over her.

The "Graf Spee" was one of the three 10,000 ton pocket battleships commissioned on January 6, 1936.

INCIDENT FEARED.

It is stated it can be probably only removed by dynamite. The Government may make representations to Germany. The Government is regarded as having given the battleship considerate treatment and many think an incident between the two countries may result because it is thought the "Graf Spee" acted under Berlin's orders.

CAPTAIN'S PROTEST.

Before leaving harbour Capt. Langsdorf sent a long letter to the German Minister protesting bitterly against the Uruguayan Government's refusal to allow more time for repairs.

He declared it was impossible to effect repairs within 72 hours, not only for combatant purposes, but for facing the normal perils of navigation.

In view of the attitude of the Uruguayan authorities and his responsibility for the lives of a thousand men the only course left was to prepare to save the crew and blew up the vessel in the vicinity of the port of Montevideo as a protest.

DECISION TO SCUTTLE.

The German News Agency has issued the following statement:

"The Government of Uruguay refused to grant the time necessary for repairs to the "Graf Spee." The Commander therefor decided to scuttle his ship outside Uruguayan territorial waters."

The News Agency says that Hitler as Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces ordered the scuttling of the "Graf Spee."

DETENTION OF 'TACOMA' DEMANDED

The "Tacoma" was lying in harbour. As the zero hour for the departure of the "Graf Spee" approached there was considerable activity on board. Thirty-one wounded including four stretcher cases were landed and taken to a military hospital one of them carried a small Christmas tree.

The "Tacoma" picked up members of the "Graf Spee's" crew who had taken to the boats. Many boats and private craft hastened to co-operate in the rescue work. A British warship was also seen making for the wreck at full speed.

A Montevideo cable says:—

In the glare of flames from the sinking vessel officers and crew were taken aboard the "Tacoma" and are now proceeding in tugs and launches to Buenos Aires.

Two British ships are watching for the "Tacoma" which is still in a roadstead off Montevideo.

BRITISH DEMAND.

A London cable says:—

The British minister applied for detention of the "Tacoma" as soon as it was known that part of the "Graf Spee's" crew had been transferred to her. Before he receved an answer, the "Tacoma" sailed and it is now realised she followed the "Graf Spee" in order to take off the remainder of the crew.

It is expected that when the "Tacoma" returns all the "Graf Spee's" crew will be interned.

PRESS COMMENTS.

The newspapers describe the scuttling of the "Graf Spee" as ignominious and inglorious.

BRITISH LOSSES

The Admiralty announces casualties in His Majesty's "Exeter" in "the severe and well-fought action on December 13": officers killed five, wounded three; ratings, killed 56 and wounded 20.

The casualties in H. M. S. "Ajax" are: Ratings, seven killed and five wounded, of whom one seriously. "Exeter's" killed included Lieut. Commander Bowman-Manifold.

Commissioned on January 6, 1936 with a main armament of six eleven inch guns of the new Krupp type firing a 670-pound projectile at a range of 30 thousand yards.

It also had eight 5.9 inches fourteen anti-aircraft guns, ten machineguns, eight torpedoe tubes and two aircraft and they are the first ships of such size with electrically welded hulls and to be propelled by diesel engines.

Defence Expenditure May Falsify Estimates

Authorities Do Not Take Optimistic View Of Increase In Customs Returns

(From Our Correspondent.)

NEW DELHI, Dec. 18.

Authorities concerned do not take a highly optimistic view of increase in Customs returns though till the end of November, the increase has been roughly four crores. They are busy examining figures to find out under what commodities, continued increase has been noticed despite war. They will enable them to budget properly for the next year and have true revised estimates for the current financial year.

In this connection, it is pointed out that sugar imports have been mainly responsible for the increase so far and with expected freight difficulties, increase might not be maintained till the end of the year, and at best, might only offset the loss under sugar excise, which so far has been approximating two crores.

Regarding income-tax, it is said, the late start in assessments owing to the new Act and delay in printing forms have shown decrease in returns, but it is confidently believed, Budget estimates would materialise.

Since defence expenditure has increased considerably, owing to the inevitable constant movement of troops a larger output of munition materials, increase in establishment, etc., it is difficult to foresee at the moment whether the close of the year would show a big deficit in the budget, but indications point to be inevitable gap between income and Expenditure for the current financial year.

Railway and Posts and Telegraphs' budgets however would yield satisfactory results.

CASE AGAINST GANDHIJI DISMISSED

(From Our Correspondent.-BEAWAR, (By Mail).

The defamation case filed against Mahatma Gandhi and the Editor of the "Hindustan Times" of Delhi by one Gopilal Sharma has been dismissed by the Extra Assistant Commissioner, Merwara, Bewar, as the complainant could not produce sufficient evidence to prove a prima-facie case.

It will be recalled that soon after the elections of the delegates to the Tripuri Congress Session and the election of Sjt. Subhas Chandra Bose as its President, Mahatma Gandhi wrote an article in the "Harijan" in which he referred the corruption in the Congress. The complainant who was an elected delegate took it as defamation and filed the case in the Court. He also filed a case against the Editor of the "Hindustan Times" as the article was subsequently published in that paper.

The Magistrate after recording the evidence of some of the witnesses under section 202 C. P. C. arrived at the decision that the case was a frivolous one and dismissed it.

It will be remembered that in the month of July last, the Working Committee of the Rajputana Provincial Congress Committee passed a resolution disqualifying the complainant from the Membership of the P.C.C. for filing the above case in the Court.

NINE TEACHERS ARRESTED

(From Our Correspondent.)

CALICUT, Dec. 18.

Telegraphic information received here shows that nine teachers arrested this morning at Cherrukunrum for picketing Teachers' Association meeting there. With these arrests the fight between Malabar Teachers' Union and the Education Department seems to have taken on new orientation.

It will be recalled that the Malabar Teachers' Union is an unofficial body and a rival to the official union. The former refused to attend the latter's meeting, resulting in the suspension of licence by the Director of Public Instruction a fortnight back.

HARTAL IN AHMEDABAD

Protest Against Governor's Hunt Programme

(From Our Correspondent).

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 18.

The leading cloth bazar, Maskati market, Panchkuva and Manekchok observed one day hartal, as a protest against the hunt programme of the Governor of Bombay at Sanand near Ahmedabad. The Governor arrived here this morning, when these bazars remained closed cancelling the previous programme of welcoming him.

It would be recalled that the citizens of Sanand had strongly protested against the Governor's hunting programme a few days back. They sent a deputation to the Commissioner, as they did not get a satisfactory reply, leading Mahajans of Ahmedabad also joined in their protest.

The Governor is to stay here for five days.

Demonstration Against Governor's Hunting Party

(From Our Correspondent.)

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 18.

A small demonstration was staged at Juval village near Ahmedabad when the Governor of Bombay was on a shooting excursion. About two hundred people gathered in the village saying Bhajans and shouting slogans. Strong police cordon was stationed at Tank, where shooting excursion was to take place. The excursion passed off peacefully.

Bombay Governor At Ahmedabad

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 18.

The Governor of Bombay accompanied by Lady Lumley and party Major F. D. Richardson, Capt. G. D. Chetwode and Capt. A. St. J. Shuttleworth arrived at Ahmedabad Central station. The arrival was public and the Governor and Lady Lumley were garlanded on the route from the station to the circuit house by representatives of various business and other Associations.

During the morning His Excellency granted interviews to Sir Chinubhai Madhavlal, Sir Mahbub Kadri, Mr. M. C. Shah, Seth Sakarlal Balabhai, Sardar Jehangir Rustom Vakil and others.

The Governor and Lady Lumley dined with the Commissioner, Northern Division at Shahibagh.

BOYCOTT OF LIMBDI COTTON ABROAD

The Kathiawar Prajamandal, Bombay, writes:—

The boycott of Limbdi State cotton is gaining unprecedented strength in China, Shanghai and Japan. Bombay Boycott Committee has received following cable from its representative in Japan:—

"Indians met on the 14th instant and resolved to completely boycott Limbdi cotton. Cotton traders, including Daiko Monks, signed a solemn undertaking yesterday not to handle directly or indirectly Limbdi cotton. They also appointed an influential Limbdi Boycott Committee to strictly enforce the resolution and keep contact with the Bombay Boycott office.

"In China great propaganda was made for the boycott of Limbdi cotton. China radio broadcast on the boycott for four days in Chinese language. Leading newspapers in Shanghai prominently displayed the news of the boycott of Limbdi cotton.

CRIPPS IN HYDERABAD

Will Have Audience With Nizam

(From Our Correspondent.)

HYDERABAD (Dn.), Dec. 18.

Sir Stafford Cripps arrived in Hyderabad this morning from Bombay staying at Government Guest House and leaving this evening for Wardha to meet Mahathma Gandhi from where he proceeds to Calcutta to be intime to join Christmas celebrations and see the Viceroy.

During this short stay at Hyderabad, Sir Stafford will meet Sir Akbar Hydari, President of the Nizam's Executive Council and British Resident at Hyerabad with whom he is lunching and later in the evening have an adience with H. E. H. the Nizam. He hopes to meet one or two Congress Leaders also including Swami Ramananda and Pandit Govindrao Nanal.

When interviewed regarding the report in the "Bombay Chronicle" about his mission in India Sir Stafford said that the said report was misleading and he had already issued a lengthy contradiction in Bombay. He regretted his inability to say anything on the problef of Indian States without his meeting all leading Princes.

PRINCES STANDING COMMITTEE TO MEET

(From Our Correspondent.)

NEW DELHI, Dec. 18.

It is understood that as soon as the Viceroy returns from his tour, there will be a meeting of the Princes Standing Committee in New Delhi.

This is probably in connection with the reorganisation of the Princes Chamber, but the occasion is likely to be used for discussing the constitutional question with representatives of the Princely Order and bringing them round to some agreement on the future course of action. Sooner or later the Princes have to come into the picture.

Indore Prajamandal Worker Released

(From Our Correspondent).

INDORE: December 17.

The Holkar Government has released Sjt. Gokuldas Dhoot, a prominent Praja Mandal worker and a young journalist of Indore after detaining him in the State Jail for three months.

Ramtek Congress Political Conference will be held on the 19th December under the presidentship of Hon'ble Mr. Brijlal Biyani, President, Vidarbha Provincial Congress Committee.

SERVED CITY FOR 30 YEARS

Corporation Honours Dr. Choksy's Memory

The Municipal Corporation adjourned without transacting any business on Monday as a mark of respect to the death of Dr. Sir Nusserwanji H. Choksy.

At the outset Mr. B. N. Karanjia, the Mayor, referred to the valuable services rendered by the late Sir N. H. Choksy to the city as a medical officer of the Bombay Municipality and particularly during the period of plague.

Dr. P. H. Mehesheri then moved:

That the Corporation have learnt with deep regret of the death on 16th December 1939 of Dr. Sir Nusserwanji H. Choksy, Kt., C. I. E., who for over 30 years served the Municipality with the greatest zeal and devotion and who in various other capacities rendered valuable services to the City and by whose death the City has lost a citizen who worked indefatigably in the cause of Public Health and Medical Relief.

That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the family of the deceased with an expression of the Corporation's sympathy in their sad bereavement.

That as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, the Corporation do now adjourn without transacting any business to-day.

The resolution was seconded by Dr. B. H. Rajadhyaksha and supported by Prof. S. R. Davar, Dr. A. J. Collaco, Mr. Jamnadas M. Mehta and M. U. Rajab and carried standing as a mark of respect.

The Corporation then adjourned till Wednesday.

The C. P. and Berar Kanyakubja Conference will be held at Gondia on the 30th and 31st December.

The Half-Column By "Dim"

Once the Christians used to say "World Without End, Amen." The more I watch the happenings of this world war, the more obvious it becomes that civilisation's prayer to-day is "World With End, Amen." To-day the 'Graf Spee,' yesterday the 'Royal Oak' and the 'Courageous'—everyday human beings, who have the right to live happily in this world—a right which is now denied them. Yet who will take the eventual blame?

Mr. Chamberlain will recollect his Christmas Card of last year. Recollect and regret.

I am given to understand on great authority that the smile on the faces of Mr. Jinnah and Sir Stafford Cripps in the pictures published in the local press is not indication of Sir Stafford's reaction to the Muslim leader, but purely the answer to a photographer's prayer, 'Smile please!'

Said a property-owner at a certain lunch party: "I cannot shake hands with the Congress for fear of losing one of my fingers." The answer of the Congress should be: "We could guarantee you, your fingers but are your hands clean?"

Major Duggal

PESHAWAR, Dec. 16.

Major A. N. Duggal, I.M.S. officer, who was kidnapped by tribesmen a few weeks ago, is, it is stated, being detained in the Ghulutangi ravine, near Bain Pass, on the outskirts of Waziristan.

According to a report, Major Duggal is safe in the custody of tribesmen, who are stated to have allowed him the use of fork and knife at meals.—United Press.

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OUR READERS' VIEWS

Scarcity Of Colours In India

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—Among the many products imported into India from foreign countries, colour, chemicals and medicines are the main products, which formed the leading items of German exports into India. With the outbreak of war their imports stopped and the prices shot up. This abnormal rise of price was due, partly, to the restriction on merchant-vessels and, partly, by the putting up of the seal on the residue-stock, owned by the enemy firms, in India, by the Controller of the Enemy Firms.

Colour-products consumed in India have a sort of monopoly possessed by Germany. They are manufactured at Frankfurt. Colour is consumed in big industrial cities as well as in small hamlets. The extent of the German colours consumed in India is estimated to be worth over six crores a year, in their stead. The German colours are used for both dyeing as well as for the printing purpose and are considered to be pucca colours. These goods from Germany are used by the small cottage factory owners and artisans as well as by the big textile mills for dyeing and printing purposes. The entire working strength employed and the capacity of work done by the industry is in no way less than the complement engaged by the entire textile industry or men engaged by the All-India Spinners Association all over India. In every village of Northern India and Bengal there are professional dyers and Printers called Chhippis. It is a cottage industry. Their work is extensively spread all over the country. Even in a cosmopolitan city like Bombay they are in abundance. There are calculated to be more than 150 small and big printing houses providing employment more than 2,000 persons directly as artisans' on various types of cloth printing.

In fact the supply of dyes and colour is a vital problem to India at present. The question is whether the colour can be produced and manufactured in India. The answer is that they can be. While the National Planning Committee is exploring the possibilities of all large scale industries, it is expected that colours and chemicals will also be included in the agenda and the possibilities of their development will be explored and investigated. It is, indeed, for the Indian merchants and industrialists to ponder over this problem.

It is said that once an Indian expert who devoted about 20 years in Germany to study colour process, made an attempt to manufacture colours in India and put his demands before the public but no public response came. So his plans failed. It is said that eminent scientist demanded rupees 2 crores to be spent alone on experimental measure and thus test the efficacy of his art, but to no call. It is asserted that there are regular 800 expert chemists and scientists regularly examining the process of colours at Frankfurt.

It is hoped that some industrial enthusiasts will come forward to help such national ventures, which ultimately fulfil the demand of the public.—Yours, etc.

G. D. JOSHI,
Hon. Secretary, Dyers and Printers' Federation.

The Russian Paradox

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—Mr. J. B. S. Haldane, as all students of Sociology know, is a great living authority on "Race". He is one of the few clear thinkers—amongst whom rank Lord Russell, Prof. Laski and others—that England can boast of. Anything that comes from the pen of such an erudite authority must, therefore, make us pause for a while and think of what he puts before his readers.

In a letter which he has contributed to the "New Statesman and Nation", dated 30th September 1939, he tries to justify the action of Comrade Stalin on the latter's invasion to Poland, nay, he even goes further and says:

"If the Red army's westward march had been delayed for a week I, for one, should have confessed myself unable to understand the Soviet Policy and should almost have begun to believe that the German-Soviet agreement was an alliance instead of a non-aggression pact."

Many must have been confused to understand the real philosophy of Sovietism if invading a small independent nation could be justified on grounds which on the face of them appear confusing.

Mr. Haldane further claims to prophesy that the contrast between the German-Poland or Russian Poland will be obvious. He says "in the German occupied area there will be starvation and the men will be drafted to work in Germany. In the Russian occupied area, however, this will not be so." In conclusion, he says that if the Soviet policy in Poland is correct, the Polish nation should become an element of peace and stability in Europe, whereas since 1919 it has been quite opposite. Certainly we feel Mr. Haldane has a great sense of humour, as his Russian friends have.

One wonders now what is in the sleeves of our writer in regard to Russian policy towards Finland. Students of history should know that it was the same Russian friends who surrendered vast tracts of the country's territory by the Treaty of Brest-Litovsk (March, 3, 1918) to the Germans without a twinge of shame or regret. This little nation was trying its utmost to come to terms with the Russian steam roller, but no heed was paid to it. It is remarkable, however, to compare the two speeches—one by Herr Hitler when he marched to Poland and the other by M. Molotov when the Reds invaded Finland. How strange that the laws of physics of attracting unlike poles to each other should hold good even in politics! The Soviet and Nazi ideologies are quite distinct and wide apart and still their ways are parallel! ! We shall very eagerly wait to read what Mr. Haldane has to say in justification of the destruction of Finland by the Reds!—Yours, etc.,

POPATLAL M. SHAH.

POINTS FROM LETTERS

A "SON OF THE SOIL" says:—May I ask one question to the Congress High Command? What proof and guarantee is there to allay the dominent suspicion that the recent attitude of the Congress towards the Muslim League is not one of 'divide and rule'—playing some of the so-called drifting Muslim associations against the claim of the Muslim League?"

Mr. D. J. YAJNIK suggests that the Vaidyas and Hakims who, could not get opium and other hemp drugs for the preparation of medicines, will be granted licences permiting them to use those drugs.

SHRINIVAS R. DALAL says:

"Mr. Jinnah knows that he can disturb the otherwise tranquil or dormant Indian political atmosphere at the present stage by his antics occupying as he does a unique position for the first time in his history and for the first time in the history of his Muslim League."

Mr. M. I. Rowjee's Statement

To The Editor of "The Chronicle".

Sir,—I have read with no little interest the criticism by Mr. Mahomedbhai, I. M. Rowjee of Sir Currimbhoy Ebrahim and Mr. M. A. Jinnah in connection with the Day of Deliverance, which is shortly coming. His criticism is most undignified for the reason that he does not stand anywhere near the understanding and knowledge of Mr. Jinnah, nor the spirited youth—Sir Currimbhoy Ebrahim—who is at least coming forward and proving himself a deserving soldier of Islam to the public in general.

If Mr. Rowjee will refer to his own statement regarding the levying of tax on properties, he will, unfortunately, be reminded of the fact that he was one of the keenest to criticise this tax and the Government for levying it.

Sir Currimbhoy is certainly doing his duty as any honest and patriotic Musalman ought to and is attempting to his best ability to keep up with the services his forefathers have rendered for their people and country.

I now challenge Rowjee Saheb to hold a meeting in a Muslim locality, and convince the public that he is right.

If he is unable to hold the meeting, I have then merely to state that he is criticising the Muslim Leaguers merely for doing their duty.—Yours, etc.,

HAJEE ESMAIL PEERMA-
HOMED MISTRY.

December 15.

Demand For Expulsion Of Congress Members

PESHAWAR, Dec. 16.

The Peshawar Cantonment Board consisting of a majority of British military officers adopted a resolution at a special meeting to-day recommending to the Central Government the expulsion of two Congress members, Messrs. Gokul Chand Kohli and M. D. Mian and considering their further retention on the Board "detrimental to public interests."

The Congress members have been absenting themselves from meetings of the Board for three months as a protest against the attitude and action of Major Riley Irving, an executive officer.

The Congress members' resolution for the expunction of the censure proceedings against some of them was rejected.—United Press.

ANXIOUS TO CULTIVATE CONFIDENCE OF HINDUS

Manzilgah Agitation Leader Wants To Review Situation

KARACHI, Dec. 16.

Dr. Choithram P. Gidwani, M. L. A., Vice-President of the Sind Provincial Congress Committee, Prof. Gharibji Jethanand, Leader of the Congress Party in the Sind Assembly, and two others interviewed Mr. G. M. Syed, M. L. A. in the Hyderabad Central Jail (Sind) for three days and had prolonged conversations with the leader of the Manzilgah Muslim agitation on the present day situation in the province.

As an outcome of these talks, it is stated Mr. Syed prepared a statement for the Press which will be released through official sources.

Mr. G. M. Syed, it will be recalled, was arrested along with other members of the Muslim Manzilgah Restoration Committee.

Dr. Choithram and Prof. Ghanshyam have issued a statement to the Press regarding their interview with Mr. Syed, in the course of which they say:—

"After being fully acquainted with the situation, Mr. Syed was shocked to hear of the brutalities perpetrated on innocent people and the tales of loss of life and property, and he was deeply sorry for the same. He said that he and his comrades had clarified their position that their movement for the restoration of Manzilgah to Muslim was to be carried, on thoroughly non-violent lines, and he was extremely pained at the turn which the events had taken after their arrest and the evacuation of the Manzilgah.

"Under the present circumstances, the urgent necessity was that of restoring goodwill between the two communities, and he was of opinion that the entire situation should be reviewed and its solution found out by a representative committee enjoying the confidence of all parties. He was anxious to make an urgent appeal to his co-religionists for cultivating the confidence and goodwill of the Hindus and help in restoring peaceful atmosphere in the province."—United Press.

PERMIT CONGRESS TO FORM COALITION IN SIND

Navalrai's Appeal To Mahatmaji

KARACHI, (By Mail)

An appeal to Mahatma Gandhi to permit Congressmen to form a Coalition Government in Sind and thus remove the political instability in the province "which is the root cause of communal trouble and manifestations of lawlessness, such as those which have later been seen in Upper Sind" is made by Mr. Lalchand Navalrai, M.L.A., (Central), in the course of a statement to the Press.

"The root cause of all trouble", says Mr. Navalrai, "is the instability of the Government." –United Press.

BAZALGETTE MURDER CASE ECHO

Appeal For Mercy Rejected

CUTTACK, Dec. 15.

It is understood that Mr. Ragunath Mohanty and Divakar Parida, who were sentenced to death in connection with the Bazalgette Murder Case and whose appeal before Justice Agarwalla was rejected, have applied for mercy before the Crown Representative and the Ruler of Ranpur.—United Press.

Eastern States' Rulers And Central Armed Forces

CALCUTTA, December 16.

An important meeting of the Council of Rulers of the Eastern States' Agency will be held at Calcutta on December 18 under the presidency of the Raja Saheb of Seraikella.

The meeting will discuss questions of central armed forces and establishment of a High Court on lines of the report of the Ministers' Committee.

A deputation of Rulers will wait on the Viceroy on December 19 to discuss the question of central reserved forces.—United Press.

Rajkot News

(From Our Correspondent).

RAJKOT, Dec. 18.

The Thakore Saheb left to-day by mail for long 'Shikar' journey outside Kathiawar.

Darbar Virawala is still at Natwarnagar. His condition is reported to be serious.

"India Must Be Declared Independent First"

Iyengar Wants British Govt. To Prepare A Draft For Protection Of Minorities

KUMBAKONAM (Madras) Dec. 18.

"A Constituent Assembly would be appropriate of national self-determination only if complete independence is first conceded to India and Britain agrees to withdraw her rule", declared Mr. S. Srinivasa Iyengar, ex-President of the National Congress, delivering the Krishnaswami Iyengar Memorial Lecture under the auspices of the Kumbakonam Parliament here this evening. The subject was "Stalemate and Reorganization."

Mr. Srinivasa Iyengar proceeding said:—

"Apparently all that is intended by the Congress proposal is that Constituent Assembly is to prepare a draft Constitution to be placed before the British Government. For that purpose such an assembly is not required and would be farcical. The Constituent Assembly elected on the basis of adult franchise would not only be unweildy but its discussions would be interminable and its expense tremendous. But the whole question would be hung up for years. It would be much simpler therefore to have an assembly, whether we call it Constituent Assembly, National Convention or a Conference composed of the Working Committees of the Congress and the Muslim League, Hindu Mahasabha and the Central Sikh Organization and of delegates elected by the representatives of all communities, minorities and interests in the existing legislatures, Central and Provincial, except by the members thereof belonging to organizations already represented by their respective Working Committees. Such an Assembly should arrive by general agreement rather than by majority vote at provisions which appear to it to be necessary for the safeguarding of religion and culture of communities or other legitimate interests necessitating differential treatment. Or better still and All-Party Conference of leaders can, by friendly discussions, arrive at a preliminary agreement. Such a conference of leaders will know one another's real mind which is now the principal difficulty."

Mr. Iyengar while recognizing the need for just and lasting communal settlement, pointed out that it could not be a condition precedent to any settlement with the British Government. He said: "After all what is now wanted by the country as well as by the Congress Working Committee is a declaration of India's independence. This is imperative and must be made forthwith. But Parliament might be called upon to enact the necessary Status before the end of war and, may be, that communal settlement will be arrived at between now and then. It will be of material assistance to all communities in India and will also be a complete vindication of the good faith of British Government, if in addition to making the needed declaration, they forthwith publish a draft of the Provisions which, in their judgment and experience, they consider to be necessary for the protection of the communities.

"Communal problem must be tackled primarily as a Provincial concern, for we have by our remissness made communal disputes assume an All-India proportion. They are partly communal but mainly political. They can be adjusted by us without serious difficulty by the exercise of patience and tact and above all by goodwill and out of a scrupulous sense of justice, for, the burning love of the country is not a monopoly of any community, party or group."

Mr. Iyengar concluded: "Our watch-words should always be political justice and economic justice. The former is possible only on the basis of communal settlement and non-party democracy. The latter is possible only on the basis of a large measure of State Socialism and planned economy. Let us firmly and ardently believe whatever communities we belong to, that we Indians are all of one race and nationality and on that conviction of racial identity alone depends our salvation in the present world and in the future one."—United Press.

NAGPUR PRESS WARNED

NAGPUR, Dec. 18.

The Provincial Government has addressed a letter to all Newspapers and presses in Nagpur warning them against publication of sensational and exaggerated items of news concerning communal disorders and looting of grain shops, or news likely to cause fear or alarm to the public or any section thereof, which falls within the purview of "prejudicial report" as defined in the Defence of India Rules.—United Press.

PUNJAB MINISTER MEETS MAHATMA

Discusses Wardha Education Scheme

WARDHA, Dec. 18.

Mr. Abdul Hai, Minister for Education and Public Health, Punjab, interviewed Mahatma Gandhi at Seth Jamnalal Bajaj's Bungalow. Gandhiji who was attending the Working Committee meeting came out to meet Mr. Hai and his Parliamentary Secretary at the next room.

Mr. Hai told the "United Press" that he was on an educational tour and would proceed to Hyderabad to study the educational system at the Osmania University and rural and medical work at Madras. Among other things the Punjab Minister discussed with Gandhiji the Wardha Educational Scheme.—United Press.

LEAGUERS' 'REAL GRIEVANCE'

Do You Want Inclusion In Coalition Cabinets? Asks Dr. Katju

(From Our Correspondent).

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 18.

"In the dust cloud of controversy now being raised, it is completely ignored that we had two patriotic and greatly respected Muslims in the U.P. Cabinet and one in the Bihar Cabinet and I consider it an insult to my Muslim colleagues to suggest that they would, from any consideration be a party to any injustice being done to Muslims as a community," said Dr. Kailashnath Katju, ex-Congress Minister of Justice.

Interviewed by our correspondent, Dr. Katju said, he refused to accept the claim that any Muslim if he is not a member of the Muslim League is not a good Muslim at all.

"Speaking with the fullest knowledge of conditions in U.P. during the 27-1|2 months the Congress Ministry was in office, I challenge any one to cite any instance where the Congress Ministry had approached any problem whether administrative or legislative from communal point of view in the slightest degree. In fact, the communal aspect never entered our mind and the hollowness of this propaganda against Congress Ministry is proved without doubt by Mr. Jinnah's assertion that so far back as Dec. 1937, he had started the agitation for protection of Muslims. Congress Ministries had, by that date, been in office not even for six months. Dr. Katju said the real grievance seems to be that of Coalition Ministry including Muslim Leaguers was not formed in U.P. If so, why not say it and be done with it instead of resorting to baseless, reckless and vague allegations which even members of Muslim League in U.P. know to be false.

C. P. FORWARD BLOC CONFERENCE

Will Be Held At Wardha On Jan. 21

NAGPUR, Dec. 18.

It has been decided to hold the C. P. Provincial Forward Bloc Conference at Wardha on January 21 next. Mr. R. S. Ruiker, Organiser of the Forward Bloc is shortly visiting Wardha to make the necessary arrangements.

It is understood that Sjt. Sarat Chandra Bose has been requested to preside over the Conference.—United Press.

Action Against Kisans

LYALLPUR, December 15

Sardar Chanchal Singh, a Kisan worker was sentenced to 8 months rigorous imprisonment by Lala Kanwal Nain, Magistrate 1st Class, under Sec. 117/188 I. P. C. for having delivered speeches exhorting the Kisans to join the Lahore Kisan 'Morcha.'

Charges were also framed against another Kisan worker under the same section by the same court.—United Press.

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Viceroy Keeps Mum On Indian Crisis

PLEADS FOR COMMUNAL RAPPROCHEMENT

Surveys India's War Efforts In Trade And Economic Sphere

"There are times when silence about Constitutional developments is better than speech and in my judgment this is one of them", observed the Viceroy in the course of his speech at the opening of the annual meeting of the Associated Chamber of Commerce of India at Calcutta.

In the course of his speech the Viceroy said:—

In the case of India the war has come upon us at a point of, alas, the utmost delicacy and of the most critical character in her own internal development. When I spoke to you here a year ago I affirmed not for the first time my own sense of the vital necessity for achieving and maintaining the unity of India. I emphasised further the increased importance of that objective in the threatening condiaions of the international situation. I reaffirmed my belief that the scheme of Federation embodied in the Act of 1935, following on Provincial Autonomy, represented the best contribution that we could make in present circumstances to the achievement of that unity, and I stressed the argument for early federation.

The outbreak of the war, with the strain which it placed on the machine, the uncertainty as to the character which hostility were likely to take, and the desirability of avoiding internal controversy, left us with no choice, on the best judgment of the future that could then be formed, but to hold in suspense our preparations for Federation.

I regret the more that that should have had to have been the case when I look to-day on the problems that confront us, problems which if possible tend to grow in difficulty from day to day if justice is to be done to all concerned

Had Federation Been Achieved

Had that ideal been achieved we should have had the solution of those issues which attract such public attention at this time—the unity of India, the collaboration for a common purpose of British India and the Indian States, the representation in a Legislature elected on a democratic basis of all communities and of all interests, the presence in the Central Government of the country of representatives of the Indian Princes, and of the great political parties of British India.

Federation was the stepping stone to the realisation of that further ideal of Dominion Status for India which His Majesty's Government have always had before them, but which cannot be achieved in a moment, or without those preparatory processes essential if problems of even greater difficulty are to be avoided at a latter stage.

Despite every effort by His Majesty's Governments to resolve doubts as to their intentions for the future constitutional development of India, to make clear their own objectives in the war, to dispel the thought that what is called Imperialism was the dominating motive of our efforts, to bring out the unselfish nature of our aims, difficulties remain unresolved and the resignation of the Congress Governments has made it necessary in seven out of eleven provinces to resort to the emergency provisions of the Act of 1935.

When Silence Is better

There are times when silence about constitutional developments is better than speech, and in my judgment this is one of them. Beyond therefore making the general observations which I have already made I do not propose to-day to touch in any detail on the political issue before us. I may however be allowed to add how profoundly anxious I remain to see a solution of those difficulties. I have spared no personal effort to ascertain what is in the mind of the leaders of all parties and communities, and to identify those claims of which account must be taken in any workable scheme for the future.

I have done my best so far as in me lay to bring parties and communities together. I have not been successful so far. I would repeat that I do not propose to despair, though the need for harmonizing varying points of view and the fact that no scheme for the future can be successful that does not harmonize those different points of view becomes ever more apparent.

Appeal For Unity

We are at a moment when all parties are, as is clear to you from the public Press, considering their position. My prayer is that there may be a readiness on the part of all parties and of all communities to face the realities of the situation; to recognize how grave is the crisis which we face in the international sphere from the point of view of India, and to come together on a basis that would admit of harmonious co-operation and harmonious progress.

The difficulties are great—it would be shortsighted and dishonest of us to minimise them. They will not be easily overcome. But the importance of overcoming them from the point of view of India itself has never been greater than it is to-day.

The reaching of an accommodation between the parties and interests concerned may well take time. Far more may be lost than gained by endeavouring to secure that discussions between communities, or parties or interests shall proceed with precipitate haste.

INDIA AND WAR EFFORT.

"Let me in the first place mention your reference to the contribution which India can make to the prosecution of the war, and to the share which this Association and all those whom it represents have taken in it. India is justly proud of the contribution she made to the successful issue of the last war, and I am confident that, in the present conflict, she is as well able as she is willing to make a contribution which may be different in kind, which can at need be ever greater in degree, to the successful outcome of our efforts and to the achievement of our objectives.

LARGE ORDERS FOR INDIAN GOODS.

I am glad to say that the activities of the department of supply have resulted in large orders for Indian manufactured goods.

DEMAND FOR TEXTILES.

Up to date, India's largest supplies have been jute manufacturer, for which overseas orders to the value of nearly 11 crores have been placed in the first 13 weeks of the war. They include 713 million sandbags (this is exclusive of 200 million ordered for A.R.P. just before the war) and million yards of hessian cloth. Orders have also been placed for 3 1/2 million yards of khaki drill cloth and 2 million yards of other cotton cloth valued at over 23 lakhs. For woollen cloth and blankets (contracts for the supply of 3/4 million of which have already been placed). The latest success which has crowned those efforts is the obtaining of an order for the provision of steel huts for overseas forces, of the value of 28 lakhs of rupees.

The Viceroy then referred to the manufacture of new products, munitions and the work of the Department of Supply.

There is no resort to requisitioning or other compulsory process, except when supplies are not offering at a reasonable price.

TRADE PARLEYS

As you know, negotiations are now in progress for the conclusion of a fresh trade agreement between India and Japan. The need for a good understanding between India and Burma in the matter of trade is obvious; and I have noted your view, which I am sure the government of India will carefully consider when the time comes that the present agreement needs very little modification. As for Cesylon. I share your hope that such obstacles as stand at present in the way of further discussion for the conclusion of a trade agreement beneficial to both countries will be resolved.

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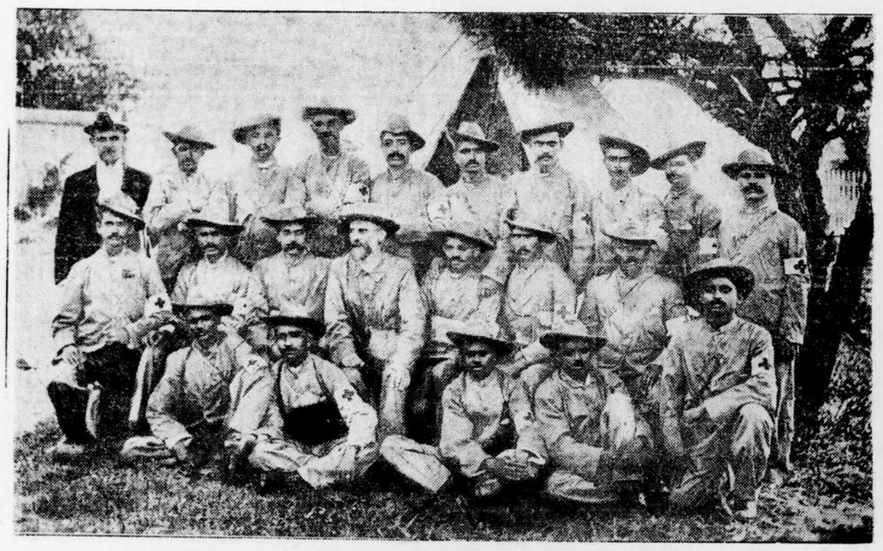

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"Future Indian State Will Be Secular"

Jawaharlal Explains Congress Position To Indian Christians

ALLAHABAD, December 16.

"The future Indian State after we have gained independence must necessarily be a secular State; that is, a State that cannot represent any one religion. While it is a secular State, it must give the fullest freedom in the matter of conscience and religious observances, subjecting one to public order and morality. No other solution is possible. Every other solution will lead to conflict and would be out of keeping with modern conditions and the views of a State organisation."

Thus writes Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru in a communication addressed to Mr. B. S. Gilani on the subject of the problem of Indian Christians, which is being considered from to-day at the informal conference here.

Pandit Nehru says in his letter that he is putting approximately what views the Congress Working Committee held on the subject.

Continuing Pandit Nehru says: "I have noticed with pleasure that many prominent Indian Christian leaders, both Catholic and Protestant, have dissociated themselves from certain reactionary views which have been expressed by some people who claim to speak on behalf of Indian Christians."

MENTAL ADJUSTMENTS

Referring to mental adjustments between Christians and others, he says: "We have to face certain psychological friction between Indian Christians and others. This friction can only be removed ultimately by the establishment of freedom in India, and thus by removing the cause of it that is the political association of Christianity with foreign domination."

"One has to remember that the satisfactory working of any law or constitution required a great deal of goodwill, and the background can only come if the relations between Indian Christians and others in India are on a friendly and co-operative basis, or, to put it differently, if Indian Christians are vital parts of Indian nationalism. If this is not so, the friction will continue."

NO POLITICAL GROUP.

Proceeding Pandit Jawaharlal observes: "Indian Christians form a small minority population in India. I do not think of a religious group in political terms. We all know that political divisions are essentially economic and not religious. Therefore, it is entirely wrong to consider Indian Christians as a political group. But, if for a moment we consider Indian Christians as a political group, it is clear that their numbers are not sufficient for them to play a dominating voice.

"Indian Christians have, therefore, acted very wisely in opposing the political divisions of the Indian people on the basis of religious beliefs and in dealing against the communal electorate."

"What is desirable and necessary is that the views of smallest minorities should be heard and should not be just ignored. How this is to be done constitutionally, I do not know, but it should not be difficult in practice to do this."

Pandit Nehru proceeds to say: "You will realise in this age of revolutionary and rapid changes that it is exceedingly difficult for any one to play a prophet. Nevertheless, we can try to lay down right principles and train public opinion in accordance with them, so that when big changes come they will carry the impression of these principles."

TOUCH WITH MINORITIES.

"Even now when the Congress Provincial Governments have resigned, it would be helpful to us and to others if a department was created in the A. I. C. C. office to keep in touch with the problems of the minorities and religious groups. Such a department will, of course, not lay down any policy. For, that would be the function of the Working Committee or the All-India Congress Committee."

Pandit Nehru has, therefore, welcomed the informal conference.

The above extracts of his letter will be thoroughly considered by the conference, as also other numerous memoranda received from various absentees but important members of the community from all over India.

Mr. H. Mukerjee arrived in Allahabad yesterday. About twenty representatives of Indian Christians are assembling at Mr. Gilani's residence.—United Press.

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